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## COMMENT OF THE DAY

### Our Refugee Problem

Dr Hambro's report to the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees on Hongkong's refugee problem presents an enlightening picture to the outside world, and if it produces nothing more positive than a better appreciation of the burden which the presence of masses of political refugees imposes on the Colony, it will have served a purpose.

Hongkong has many critics, and not a few of them are prone to regard the Colony as being both unnecessary and politically embarrassing. But they do not pause to consider the important function it has willingly undertaken to provide, at its own expense, sanctuary for a multitude of Chinese whose dislike and fear of Communism has driven them from their own country.

In an unobtrusive, but practical way, Hongkong is fighting international Communism far more effectively than those who confine themselves to verbally expressing their hatred of the system. The hundreds of thousands of Chinese who have thronged to Hongkong from the hinterland not only enjoy political asylum, but are, as far as is humanly possible, economically protected. And the cost is reflected in the Colony's annual budget.

Dr Hambro clearly recognises that the community is shouldering an unfair burden, and he advances the view that the problem of refugees in Hongkong should be of international concern and responsibility. He has two main suggestions to offer: the establishment, on a voluntary basis, of a refugee employment exchange, and the creation of a special refugee fund. Naturally Hongkong would welcome the adoption of these proposals by the United Nations.

One of the biggest headaches caused by the presence of vast numbers of refugees is their absorption into a limited employment market. It is remarkable to what extent that problem has been resolved, yet it is obvious that Hongkong cannot provide full employment for all its refugees, and any assistance by an international organisation in this direction deserves our appreciation.

THE United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees now has before him a workmanlike and authoritative report. Moreover the facts and figures which it contains have been reached by independent, as well as careful research. Hongkong itself has cause to be grateful to Dr Hambro and his colleagues for their illuminating revelations concerning our refugee population. And the recommendations made are reasonable, and so far as one can estimate, practicable. Hongkong would not ask to be relieved entirely of its responsibilities in the handling of its refugees, but some of the burden could legitimately be shared.

If, as Dr Hambro believes, the "integration" of Hongkong's refugees could be successfully accomplished by a \$10 million fund and the existence of a refugee employment exchange, then the United Nations should give the proposals ready accord. Where similar refugee problems exist in other parts of the world they are considered to be of international concern, and it seems rather stupid, as well as unfair to the Colony, that a legal technicality should rob the Hongkong refugee problem of a similar status.

## Formosa Settlement Through Diplomacy

### Cabinet Support For Eden

London, Mar. 7.

Sir Anthony Eden returned from the SEATO conference and immediately received full Cabinet backing for new diplomatic moves for a Formosa ceasefire, it was learned today.

The British Foreign Secretary arrived home by air after a two-week diplomatic tour of Far and Middle Eastern countries following the SEATO meeting in Bangkok.

He went immediately into a Cabinet meeting with Sir Winston Churchill at the House of Commons to report on his mission and seek backing for his conclusions.

Tomorrow he is expected to report fully to the House of Commons on his talks with the US Secretary of State, Mr John Foster Dulles, and with representatives of 15 different States.

**INTERVIEW SOUGHT**  
Sir Anthony's hurried diplomatic activity coincided with reports today that his Ambassador in Moscow, Sir William Hayter, was seeking an interview this week with Marshal Nikolai Bulganin, Russia's new Premier.

Sir Anthony was authoritatively reported to be carrying an understanding with Premier Jawaharlal Nehru on a new co-ordinated Formosa ceasefire diplomacy.

Under this plan, the sources said, Mr Nehru is to try to persuade Premier Chou En-lai of Red China to renounce the use of force to back his claims to Formosa.

Britain and India will at the same time revive their efforts in Moscow for Soviet mediation in the conflict.

The Cabinet today was said to have supported this plan, which is also understood to call for British efforts to obtain a further clarification of US policy toward the offshore islands of Quemoy and Matsu.

**TWO CONDITIONS**  
Sir Anthony slapped down the idea of an immediate international conference for Formosa peace negotiations. "For a conference to be useful, two conditions would be necessary—that there should be some underlying understanding about the task of the conference and some agreement about the membership. I don't think we are in a position to say that either of these conditions is yet fulfilled," he told reporters at the airport today.

Sir Anthony's plan, agreed to with Mr Nehru, is to resume "private diplomatic contacts" in Moscow and Peking respectively as a first decisive step in the ceasefire moves.—United Press.

### Templer Given Assignment

London, Mar. 8.

General Sir Gerald Templer, formerly Britain's High Commissioner in Malaya, is carrying out an inquiry into the organisation and administration of colonial military forces, the Ministry of Defence announced here today.

The announcement added that he was carrying out his new assignment at the request of the War Office and the Colonial Office, and "for this purpose he is attached temporarily to the Ministry of Defence."

No further details were given of General Templer's new assignment.—Reuter.

### Cyclone Damages Australian Towns

Sydney, Mar. 8.

Twenty towns, including Mackay and Rockhampton, were severely damaged by a cyclone which hit the Queensland coast on Monday night, according to press reports from the area today.

The storm was described as one of the worst cyclones on record, with winds up to 100 miles per hour.—United Press.

## Dulles To Make Public Policy Statement

Washington, Mar. 8.

The Secretary of State, Mr John Foster Dulles, is expected to warn the free world today against the danger of further one-sided concessions to Chinese Communist threats anywhere in the Far East.

Mr Dulles saw President Eisenhower yesterday for the second time since his return on Sunday from a tour of the Far East. Today he will report to the nation over the radio on the tour, which included attendance at the Bangkok Southeast Asian Treaty Organisation Council meeting and a conference with United States ambassadors in the Far East at Manila.

Mr Dulles and his Far Eastern advisers have returned with distinct impressions of a clear and imminent danger from continuing Chinese Communist aggressive moves all along the eastern periphery of Communist China.

Their fear is that any further one-sided concessions by the United States to Communist threats of force will cause the non-Communist nations of Asia to lose faith in the United States and the free world alliance and will strengthen the hands of those who would like to make the best arrangement they can now with expanding Communism.

The contacts of Mr Dulles' advisers with so-called "neutralists" as well as with friends and allies of the United States has made it clear that any suggestion that the United States has only a limited interest in a particular area causes consternation.

Mr Dulles was also told by United States ambassadors to the Far East that the congressional resolution authorizing President Eisenhower to defend Formosa, the Pescadores and related positions had had a strengthening and favourable effect upon non-Asian public opinion.

Mr Dulles is, therefore, expected to advocate in his speech a firm stand by the free world against any retreats in the face of what the ambassadors' conference called the "openly declared intention of the rulers of Communist China to seek the achievement of their aims by resort to force."

**WILLING AND ABLE**  
He is expected to make it clear that the United States is both able and willing to back up this position with military force.

Mr Dulles may also outline publicly the position, which he took privately at closed sessions of the Bangkok conference, that the Chinese Communists would not be permitted to choose their own places for fighting, or to localise hostilities in that area. This is the thesis which Mr Dulles outlined for Southeast Asia at Bangkok in these terms.

"The greatest deterrent to open aggression in this Southeast Asia area is the fact that if open aggression occurred here, it would probably mean the beginning of a war which the Communist Chinese could not confine to the Southeast Asia area but they would have to be prepared to defend itself on three fronts—north, central and southern."

In other words, aggression in one area would expose them to attacks on all three fronts, where they are confronted by United States allies: in the north from the armies of the South Korean President, Dr Syngman Rhee; in the center, from the armies of the Nationalist Government; and in the south, from the forces of the members of the Southeast Asian Treaty Organisation.

**DIPLOMACY**  
This firm policy does not rule out the possibility of settlement being reached for example in the Formosa crisis if the Chinese Communists renounce the use of force and demonstrate their willingness to settle international disputes peacefully and in good faith.

Mr Dulles is understood to view sympathetically the continuing efforts of the British Foreign Secretary, Sir Anthony Eden, to work out an arrangement for resolving the Formosa crisis through diplomatic channels. But officials there are pessimistic about the chances of

the Chinese Communists changing their attitude sufficiently to enable Sir Anthony to achieve success.

Mr Dulles had breakfast today with the Chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, Senator Walter George (Democrat, Georgia) and will confer in closed session tomorrow both with that committee and with the Foreign Affairs Committee of the House of Representatives.—Reuter.

## Socialists Urge Big 3 Meeting

London, Mar. 7.

British Labour Party leaders in Parliament tonight called for a Big Three meeting to discuss the lessening of world tension, and to prepare for world disarmament. They put forward a House of Commons motion urging that the British government should approach the United States and Russian governments to arrange such a meeting.

The motion was announced after a two-hour meeting of Labour "Shadow Cabinet" — Parliamentary leadership — at which the Party chiefs also generally discussed the recent split in Labour ranks over the hydrogen bomb, led by Mr Aneurin Bevan, the Labour left-winger.

The motion was signed by Mr Clement Attlee, the Party leader, Mr Herbert Morrison, his deputy, and other leaders. It said that "in a world war waged with weapons of mass destruction, such as the hydrogen bomb, there can be no victors, but only the destruction of civilisation."

It then called upon the British government "to approach immediately the governments of the USA and the USSR to arrange a meeting between the Prime Minister, and the heads of the other two governments, with a view to the lessening of world tension and the preparation for effective world disarmament through the United Nations Organisation."

The motion reaffirmed a House of Commons resolution, of last April, which urged such top level talks and "deplores the government's delay in implementing it."

This resolution, put forward by the Labour opposition was approved without dissent by the Commons after the Conservative government had refused to discuss the timing of such a Big Three meeting.—Reuter.

### Explosion Kills 3

London, Mar. 7.

Three men were killed and 17 injured in an explosion and fire at a chemical works in Rotherham, Scotland, last night.—China Mail Special.

## To Wed Jordan's King



The 23-year-old Princess Dina Abdel Hamid, daughter of an Egyptian Prince—watches her fiancé Hussein of Jordan taking part in a parade at Sandhurst Military Academy. The King and the Princess met in England in 1952. She was at Cambridge University; he was at Harrow Public School. The Princess, who took her BA with Honours at Girton College, Cambridge, is the first Princess to qualify as a lecturer in English Literature at Cairo University.—London Express.

## SENTRIES KILL FIVE KOREANS

Seoul, Mar. 7.

Three US Army guards shot and killed five Koreans on Friday night in a restricted area under the control of the 24th US Infantry Division. It was reported today.

An Army spokesman said the American soldiers challenged the five Koreans three times. When they would not halt, the guards opened fire.

Three women and two men were killed. The women were sisters and the men were brothers. A 24th Division spokesman said the guards were instructed to shoot anyone in the restricted area if they refused to halt after being challenged.

He said the victims ran down a communication trench and then into an open field. The bodies were brought in by an investigating patrol.—United Press.

## Rebuilding Of Cathedral Starts

Coventry, Mar. 7.

Nearly 15 years after the World War II raid that demolished Coventry, workmen started digging the foundation today for a new £1,000,000 Coventry Cathedral.

It will rise in five years above the ruins of the former Cathedral.—United Press.

## MINTOFF WINS

Valletta, Malta, Mar. 7.

The final results in Malta's general elections, announced tonight, gave Mr Dom Mintoff's Labour Party 25 seats in the National Assembly, against 17 won by the outgoing government party, the Nationalists.—Reuter.

## Japan Clarifies Foreign Policy

Tokyo, Mar. 8.

Japan, in a note to US Secretary of State John Foster Dulles, has informed the United States of its official foreign policy of close alignment with the West and "co-existence and co-prosperity" with all nations.

The foreign policy of the new Japanese Government was handed to Mr Dulles last week in the Philippines by US Ambassador to Japan John Allison, according to the influential Japanese newspaper Mainichi.

The Mainichi in a front page exclusive story said the note had been written to Mr Dulles by Secretary General Nobusuke Kishi of Prime Minister Ichiro Hatoyama's Democratic Party.

The note said Japan was endeavouring to develop a "positive independent foreign policy" with the support of the Japanese people.

It said the policy was aimed at "establishing world peace" co-existence and co-prosperity with all countries on the key-note of co-operation with the US and the free countries of the world.

**ADJUSTING RELATIONS**  
It said Japan would also seek to adjust relations with Russia and Communist China and develop diplomatic relations and promote economic collaboration with the Republic of Korea and with the countries of Southeast Asia.

The note said Japan's foreign policy would include:  
1. Maintenance of its firm policy of close co-operation with the United States.  
2. Endeavour to relax international tension and recognize the termination of the state of war with Russia and try to restore normal relations with that country.

**UN MEMBERSHIP**  
3. Expedite Japan's entry into the United Nations, promote the international control of atomic and hydrogen bombs and the peaceful uses of atomic energy.

4. Try to speed up the restoration of territories originally belonging to Japan.

5. Settle the question of Japanese repatriation and secure the release of war criminals.

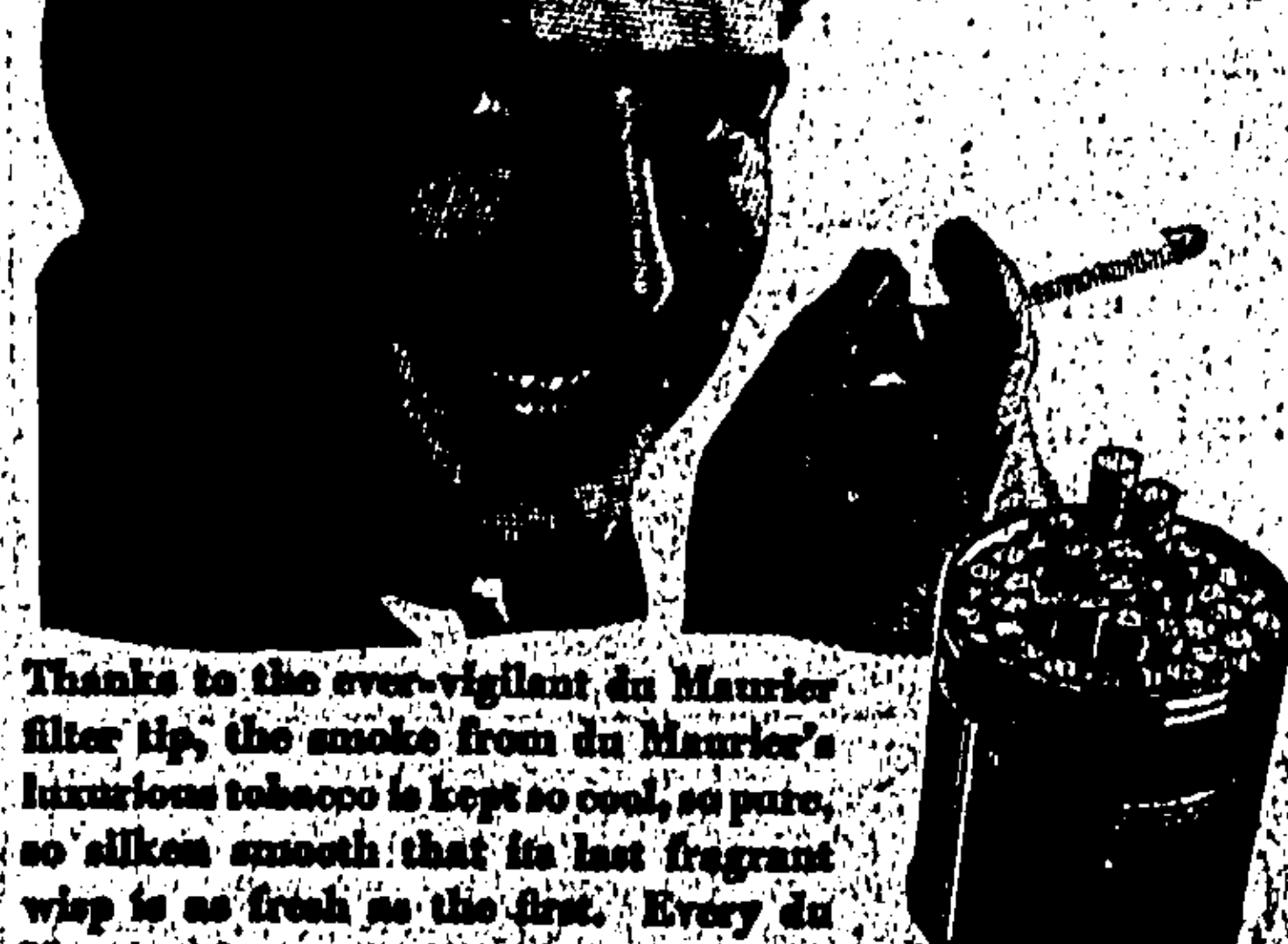
6. Continue to build up its armed might and at the same time gradually reduce United States defence expenditures in Japan.

7. Develop economic relations with all nations on a broad basis and take positive steps to develop overseas markets.

8. Speedily settle the repatriations problem and establish formal diplomatic relations and open up economic relations with the countries of Southeast Asia and expedite trade with Russia and Communist China.

9. Discuss a basic understanding to prevent unfair competition with the countries of the British Commonwealth and improve trade relations with these countries.—United Press.

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## New Army Chief



General Maxwell D. Taylor, who has been appointed United States and United Nations Commander-in-Chief in the Far East, in succession to General John E. Hull, who retires from the US Army at the end of April.

## Fire Guts Three Huts

Three two-storey wooden huts in the congested Shing On Village, Shaokwan, were completely gutted by a fire at 10.45 a.m. today.

Two adjacent stone buildings were slightly damaged and one wooden hut was pulled down to prevent the fire from spreading.

The fire was discovered at a house in Section C, Shing On Village and in a few moments the roof collapsed.

Fire appliances and an ambulance promptly arrived under Mr W. J. Gorman, Chief Officer of Fire Brigade, and the fire was put under control within ten minutes. It was put out shortly after 11 a.m.

A squad of Policemen under Mr R. V. E. Turner, Assistant Commissioner, and Mr Fong Yick-tai, Divisional Superintendent of Shaokwan, maintained order in the densely populated village.

The fire was believed to have been caused by children playing in the hut.

There were no casualties.

**General To Wed**  
London, Mar. 7.

Major-General Basil Aubrey Cook, who commanded the 27th Commonwealth Brigade in Korea, is to marry Mrs Clara Henley, daughter of a British Army Brigadier, it was announced today.

The General's wife Jane died in Germany early last year when he was Commander of the Second Infantry Division.—China Mail Special.



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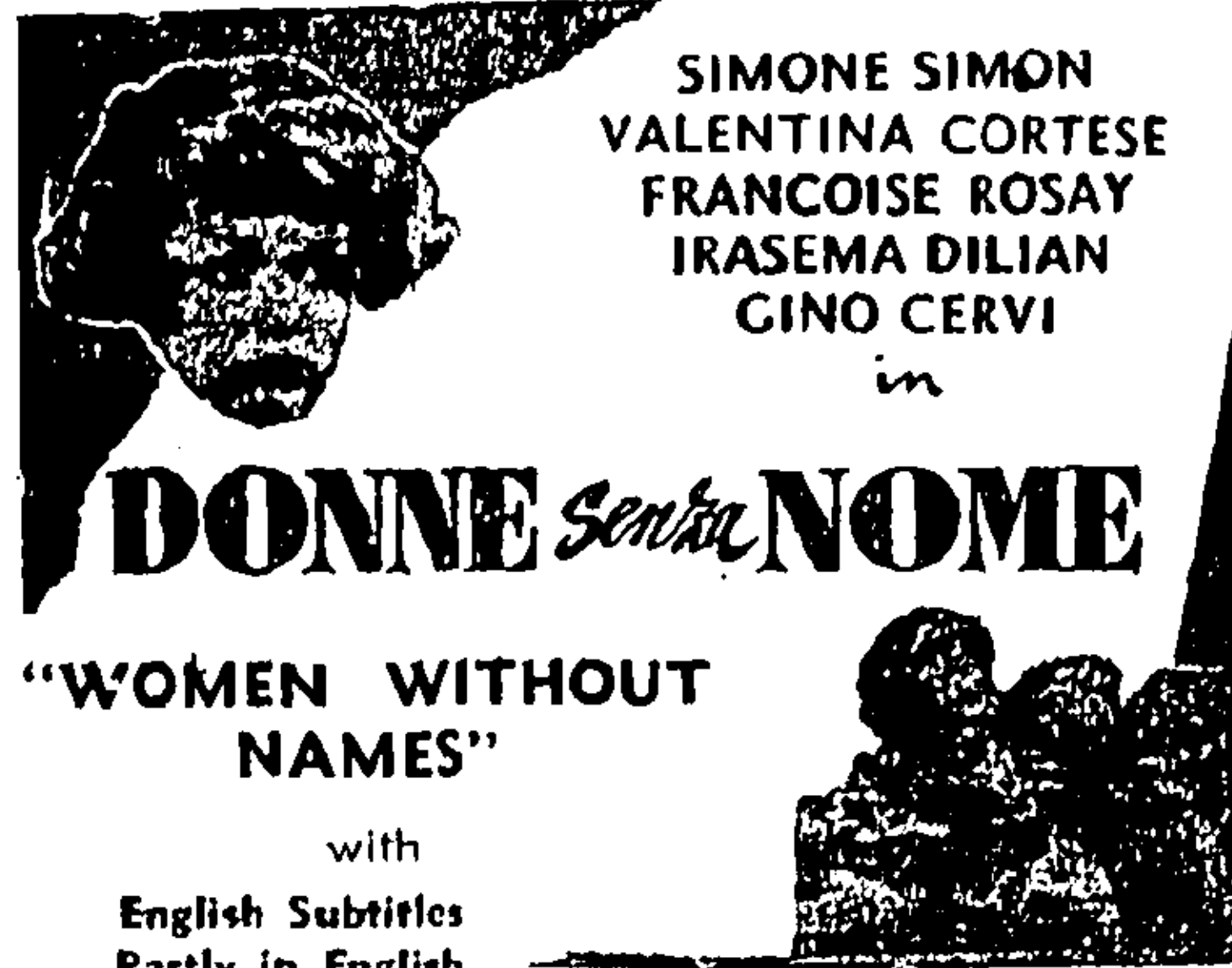


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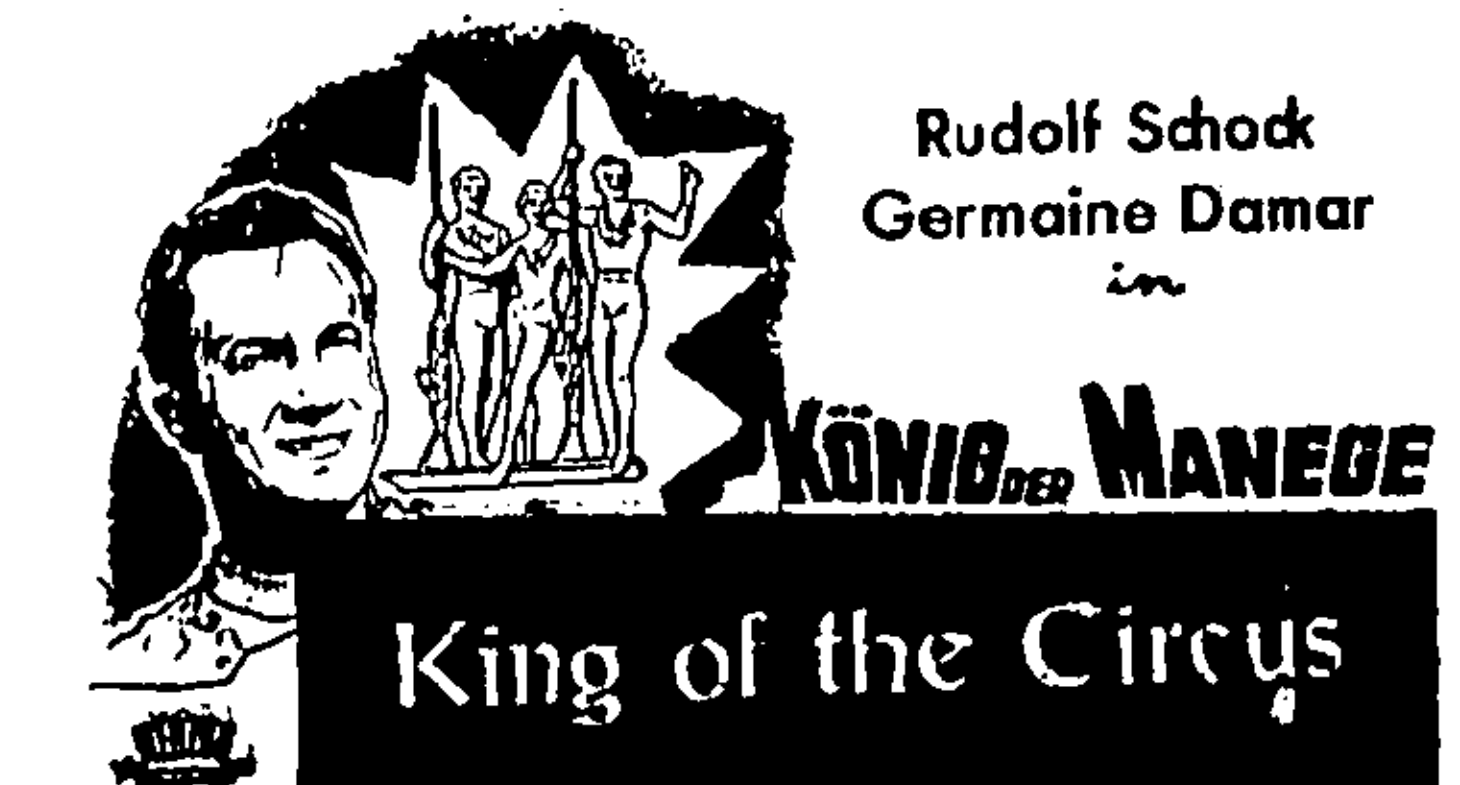
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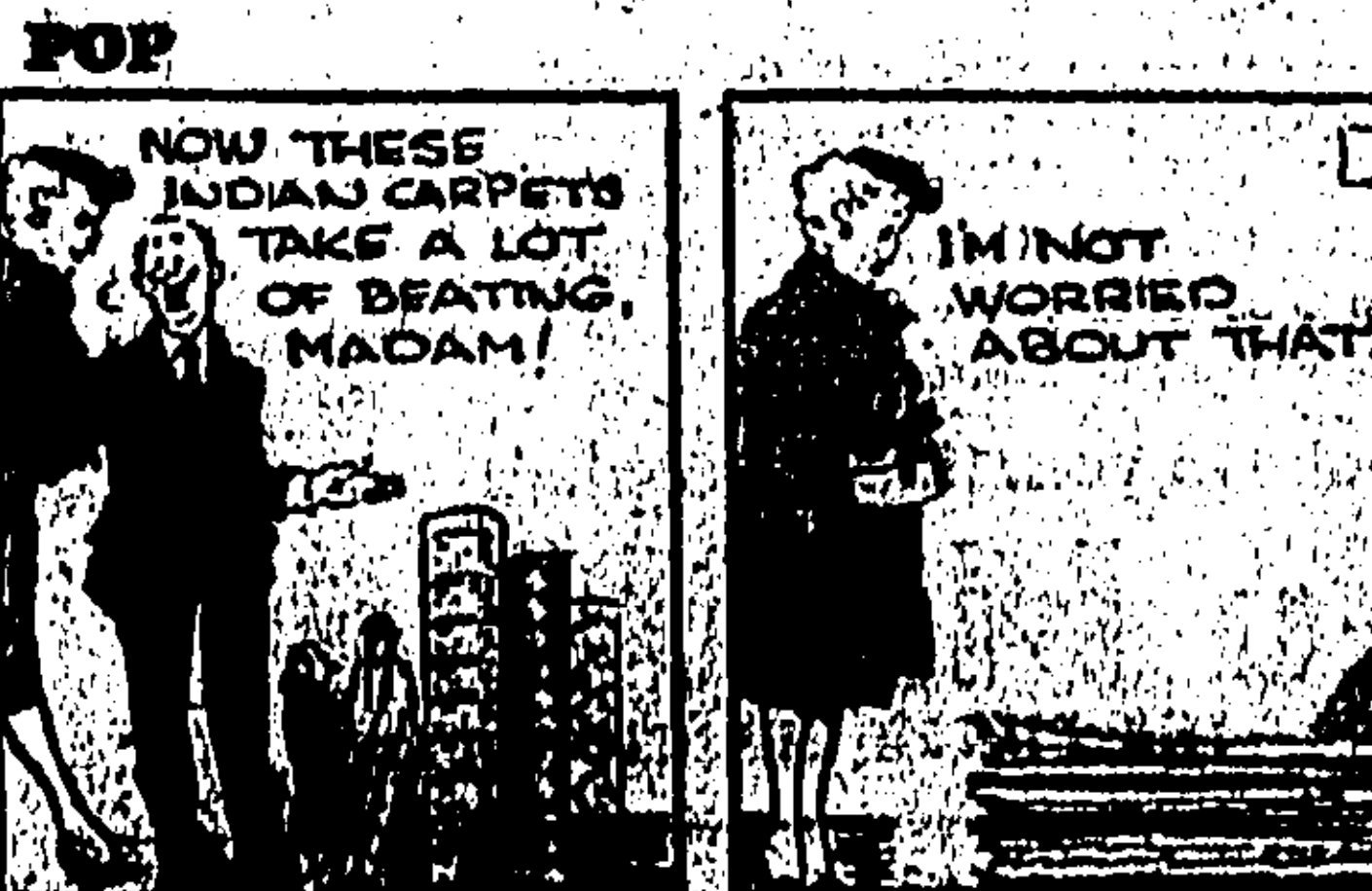
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## KNOWLAND CONFIDENT

Refusal To Hand  
Over China  
Coast Islands

Washington, Mar. 7.

The Senate Republican leader, William Knowland, said tonight that he was confident the Administration would refuse to hand over Quemoy and the Matsus to the Chinese Reds in return for a Formosan ceasefire.

The California Republican, who emphasized that he had "reasonably good sources of information," made the statement on a radio show. Earlier, the Secretary of State, Mr John Foster Dulles, had given President Eisenhower a first hand report on his recent Asian trip.

## Suspended



GRACE KELLY

New York, Mar. 7. The American movie actress Grace Kelly today learned that she has been suspended by her Hollywood studio, Metro-Goldwyn Mayer, for refusing a role in the forthcoming film "Jeremy Rodock."

Miss Kelly said here that she was extremely annoyed by the decision of M.G.M. She said that she was not trying to be difficult or capricious, but just felt the role did not suit her.

Miss Kelly played in the films "High Noon," "Rear Window," and was nominated for an "Oscar" award for the best feminine performance of 1954 in the picture "The Country Girl." —France-Press.

## SAAR QUESTION

French Want  
Anglo-US  
Clarification

Paris, Mar. 7. Opponents of German rearmament moved today to delay ratification of the Paris pact until the United States and Britain take a clear stand on the German interpretation of the Saar question.

A Gaullist Deputy, Jacques Vendroux, demanded that the United States and Britain clarify their position in regard to the German Chancellor's recent statement that they were ready to go back on their promises to support France's position that the Saar must not be given back to Germany.

(In London, the British Foreign Office said only that the final solution of the Saar dispute would have to be determined by its people and the governments immediately concerned — Germany and France. A spokesman declined to give a formal clarification of Allied policy.)

The move was made as the French Premier, M. Edgar Faure, returned from a weekend in the South of France and called a Cabinet meeting to work out final details of his demands for special powers to fight a taxpayers' revolt. He may make the life of his new government on this issue later in the week, informed sources said. —United Press.

Mr Dulles will also report to the nation tomorrow night. Informed sources indicated that he would express the conviction that it is more important now than ever to stand firm against Red threats to invade Formosa and its outposts.

## CONVINCED

These sources also said Mr Dulles was convinced there were no basic differences with Britain over United States policy of firmness in Asia.

The Secretary was said to feel that published accounts of Anglo-American differences were "somewhat exaggerated."

A reporter noted on the radio show that there was a "wide-spread impression" that the administration would be willing to trade Quemoy and the Matsus Islands just off the Red mainland for a Formosan ceasefire.

"I do not believe that is our policy," replied Senator Knowland.

"Do you know that it isn't?" persisted the reporter. "I have stated what my judgment is, and I have reasonably good sources of information," said Senator Knowland.

As Senate Republican leader, Mr Knowland attends President Eisenhower's weekly White House conferences with Republican legislative leaders. He is also a member of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee and has access to top-secret diplomatic briefings.

Senator Knowland indicated that the final test of whether the United States would help defend Quemoy and the Matsus would depend on whether the Nationalists could defend the islands by themselves.

## IMPOSSIBLE TO SAY

He said the Reds must not be allowed to get new bases which would give them control of the skies over Formosa. But he said it was impossible to say when intervention should occur "without knowing precisely what the military situation is."

Senator Knowland also repeated his call for a blockade of Red China if the Communists did not release 15 imprisoned American fliers by April 1. He said his proposed time-table would give the United Nations a "reasonable time" to obtain freedom for the Americans. —United Press.

Oder-Neisse  
Problem

Bonn, Mar. 7. Herr Erich Ollenhauer, head of the opposition Social Democrat Party in the West German Parliament, said here today that the German Government or German party would be prepared to recognize the Oder-Neisse river frontier (between Poland and Germany).

Explaining an interview he granted to the Swedish newspaper Dagens Nyheter published this weekend, Herr Ollenhauer said he had never during the interview expressed the view that the Russians would be placated by a guarantee of the Oder-Neisse frontier if, in the hypothetical case of new negotiations, Moscow requested such a guarantee. —France-Press.



Four leading Korean journalists made a pilgrimage to England to learn about the Western way of life. One of the sights they saw was the world famous Cenotaph — Britain's memorial to the dead of two World Wars. The four journalists paid their tribute by placing wreaths on the Cenotaph. —Express Photo.

Nationalist China  
Rebuffed By US  
Supreme Court

Washington, Mar. 7.

The Nationalist Chinese Government was rebuffed by the Federal Supreme Court today in its efforts to recover a \$200,000 (about £71,430) deposit in the National City Bank of New York.

The Bank had appealed to the Supreme Court against an earlier decision by the New York Federal Court.

The Nationalist Chinese Government brought a suit in the New York court to recover the \$200,000 deposit held by the Bank since 1948 in the name of the Shanghai-Nanking Railway Administration.

COUNTER-CLAIMS  
In its answer to the suit, the Bank made two counter-claims that Nationalist China owed the Bank more than \$700,000 (about £250,000) plus interest. The New York Court dismissed the answer on the ground that counter claims might not be made against a friendly foreign sovereign power unless based on the actual subject matter of the suit which it held was not so in the case under consideration. The Bank then lodged an appeal.

The Federal Supreme Court today upheld the Bank's right to try to cancel out Nationalist China's claim to the \$200,000 deposit against the sum of \$700,000 or more which the Bank said the Nationalist Chinese Government owed it. The Judge gave the four-to-three majority decision with the comment that the Nationalist Chinese Government in this case wanted the United States law "free from the claims of justice."

The dissenting minority commented: "It is not wise for us to tell the nations of the world that any assets they may have in the United States... are subject to every counterclaim their debtors can acquire against them." —Reuter.

Drilling for oil in the valley of the river Goni, near Ertis, technicians struck gas deposits which they believe to be methane.

First reports had suggested oil had been struck but technicians denied this. —Reuter.

Punched The  
Bundy

Wellington, Mar. 8. Thieves who recently entered an Auckland clothing factory punched the staff time clock at midnight, stole £35 sterling, ate a banana, and left messages of thanks on their time slips. —China Mail Special.

GREGORY'S  
EXPEDITION  
UNUSUAL

Calcutta, Mar. 7.

Mr Alfred Gregory, leader of a British expedition to explore Mount Lungtse (23,500 feet) and Mount Guashankar (23,340 feet), left today for Kathmandu to meet the four other members of his group.

They will leave this weekend for their base camp at Beding Village, about 12,000 feet above the Hail Walling Gorge.

Mr Gregory's expedition is unconventional because of the small number of men, because they will not carry any mechanical equipment or radio, and because they do not yet know who their high-altitude Sherpa guides will be.

Mr Gregory said: "The expedition is a nice size and in many ways pleasant—a small mobile group of friends." "He did not regard it as unusual that the party would not receive daily reports of Himalayan weather and noted: 'We are not even carrying a radio receiving set. We are cutting off all our links with the outside world.'"

"Our principal aim," he added, "is not the conquest of a peak, but to climb a cluster of peaks, and map unexplored mountain regions." "Thus our expedition is most like last year's Himalayan expedition, which also aimed at mapping unexplored peaks." —United Press.

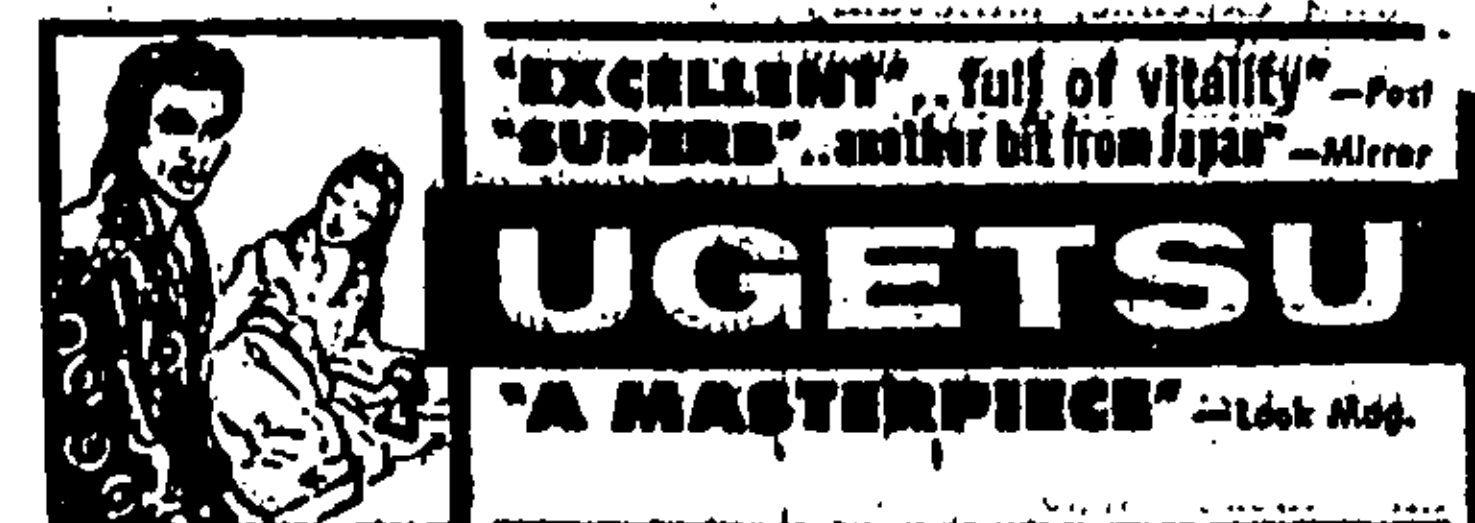
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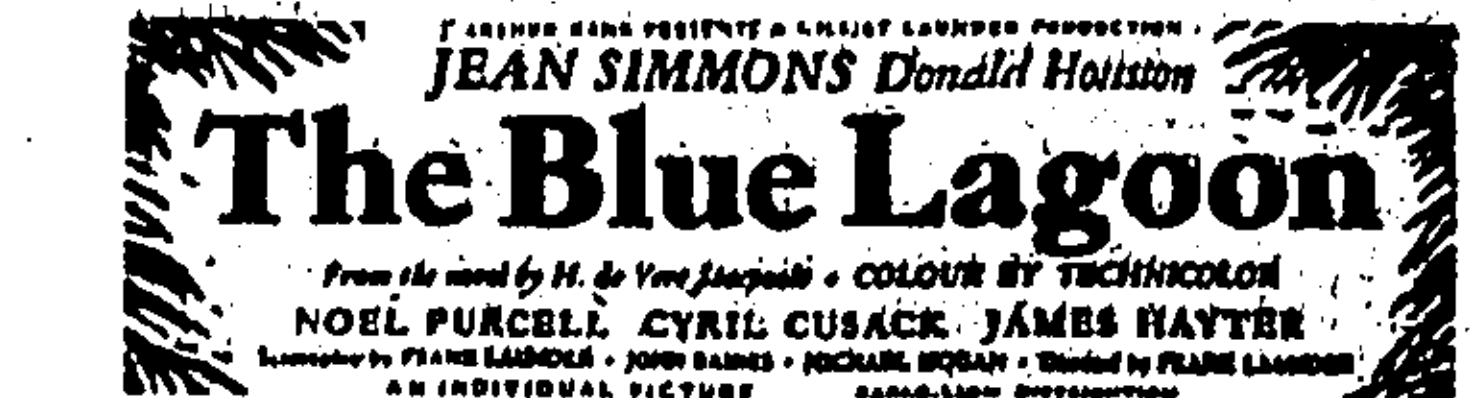
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# FRANCE FEARS FOR SYRIA

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For Commons

INSULTED?



JOHNNY RAY

Sydney, Mar. 7. A hotel owner, Mr. Sid Howard, said today that he had ordered a "Johnny Ray" to leave his luxurious Glen Ashburn Hotel but Ray said he left because he was insulted.

Mr. Howard gave an explanation for Ray's departure beyond saying that the singer was asked to leave, adding, "There were many reasons to take the action I did."

Ray said, "I have never been so insulted in my life. I left because Howard insulted my press and radio friends."—United Press.

## Development Of Arabian Natural Gas

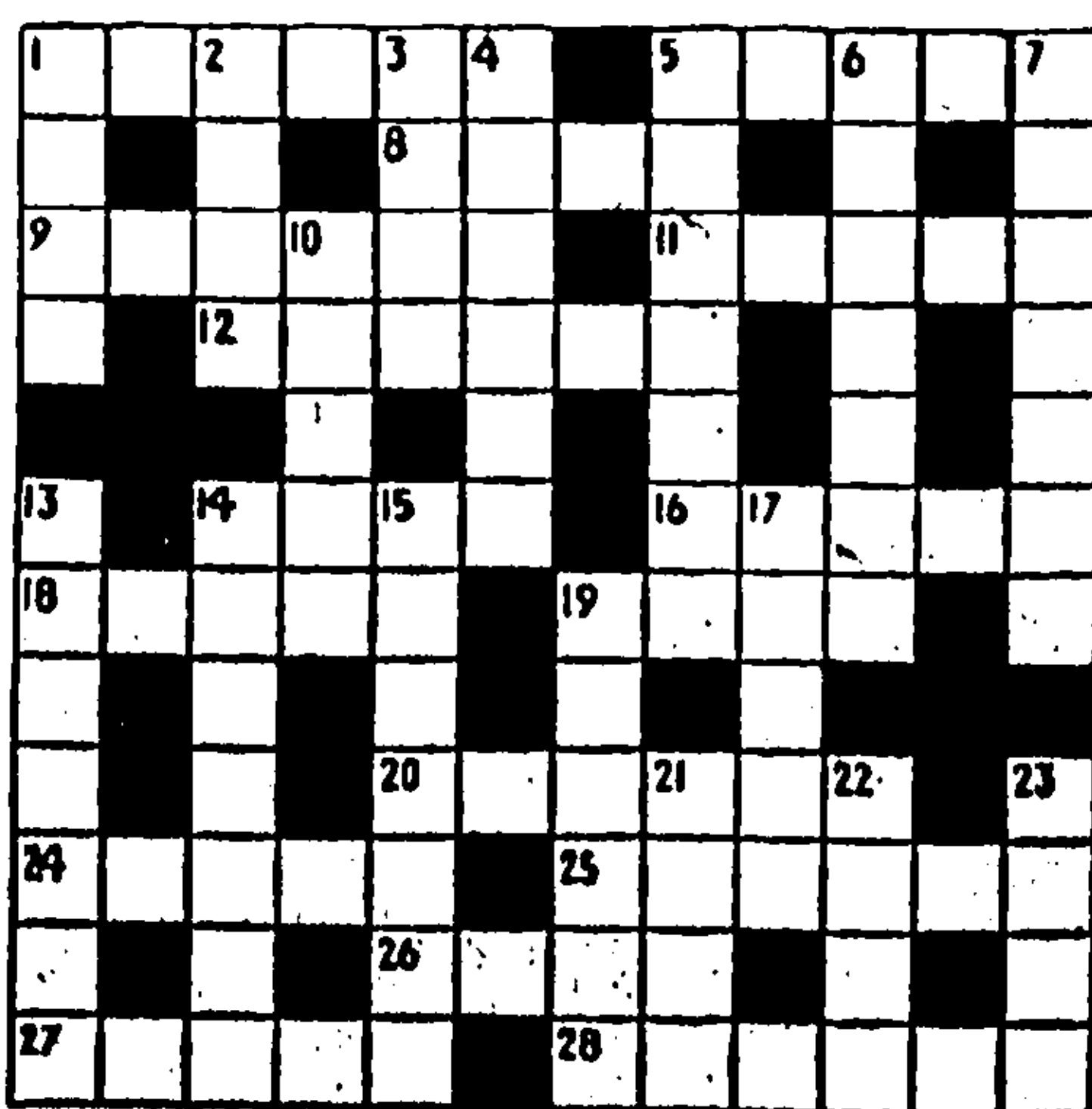
New York, Mar. 7. A team of American engineering experts will leave for Saudi Arabia "in the near future" to conduct preliminary studies incidental to the development of Saudi Arabia's vast supplies of natural gas, according to Mr. E. E. Foy, Middle East representative of International Development Services, Inc.

The studies will explore the possibilities of developing for commercial use Saudi Arabia's known natural gas reserves, estimated at about two and a half billion cubic feet daily.

International Development Services, Inc., is a non-profit technical service organization sponsored initially by Mr. Nelson Rockefeller. One of its aims is to bring together private capital and technical experts in regional development programmes.

The company signed an agreement last December 8 with Saudi Arabia giving it a fourteen-month option for the exclusive development of natural gas deposits in Saudi Arabia for the next 50 years.—United Press.

## A British Crossword Puzzle



- ACROSS
1. Imitated (6).
  5. Shift (5).
  8. Conceal (4).
  9. Allow (6).
  11. Relative (6).
  12. Clew (6).
  14. Bellow (4).
  16. Follow (5).
  18. Accumulate (5).
  19. Famous London statue (4).
  20. Satisfied the examiners (6).
  24. Feature (5).
  25. Wearisomeness (6).
  26. Jug (4).
  27. Bellow (4).
  28. Nook (6).
- DOWN
1. Promontory (4).
  2. Saucy (4).
  3. Wickedness (4).
  4. Roundabout way (6).
  5. Speak overbearingly (7).
  6. Noble lady (7).
  7. Built (7).
  10. Military rank (5).
  13. Discipline (7).
  14. Plunder (7).
  15. Took as one's own (7).
  16. Famous (5).
  17. Church festival (6).
  18. Withered (4).
  21. Small cubes (4).
  22. Little devils (4).

YESTERDAY'S CROSSWORD.—Across: 1. Alarm, 4. Hawser, 5. Pebble, 10. Idem, 12. Estate, 14. Complete, 17. Emit, 19. Errands, 20. Debuter, 22. Alon, 23. Mileage, 27. Sustain, 28. Lotto, 30. Hazard, 31. Awaiting, 32. Decade, Down: 1. Aspie, 2. Album, 3. Melee, 5. Aria, 6. Soleris, 7. Ramble, 9. Esterna, 11. Sledge, 13. Tarsier, 16. Over, 18. Fearful, 19. Idol, 20. Dahlia, 21. Boston, 24. Sued, 25. Irate, 26. Moped, 28. Noun.

## Turkey May Have Designs On Alexandretta Area

## Egyptian Failure To Win The Lebanon

Washington, Mar. 7. The French Ambassador, M. Maurice Couve de Murville, recently expressed French concern to the State Department in regard to relations with Syria and Lebanon following the recent Turkey-Iraq agreement.

Reliable sources said that of late France has not been fully informed by the United States and Britain in regard to Near Eastern defence moves and wants to be kept more closely in the picture as regards future events.

They pointed out that, although France does not any longer influence in any way the policies of Syria and Lebanon, it nevertheless keeps up friendly relations and sympathetic contact with these countries.

**SYRIAN FEARS**  
They said Syria still apparently fears that Turkey may have designs on the Alexandretta region within Syria, while the Hashemite dynasty in Iraq has never officially renounced its ideas about the possibility of what has been known as a "Greater Syria" kingdom comprising Iraq, Syria and possibly Jordan.

The sources believed that M. Couve de Murville may have suggested to the State Department that a joint declaration by Turkey and Iraq that they have no designs on Syria would go a long way to dissipate the bitterness caused in Syria by the Turkish-Iraq agreement. They said that this demarche, probably the most important M. Couve de Murville has made since becoming Ambassador, indicates France's desire to be fully informed on the Near Eastern policy of the United States and Britain and also to do what she can to create harmony in that area.—United Press.

**SALEM LEAVES**  
Beirut, Mar. 7. Egypt has failed to persuade Lebanon to join the new inter-Arab pact, informed Lebanese sources said after the Egyptian Minister of National Guidance, Major Salah Salem left here for Cairo today. Today's talks here between Lebanese, Egyptian and Syrian statesmen brought no fresh

development in the Arab situation as neither side was willing to give an inch. Major Salem asked Lebanon to join the new Egyptian alliance (along with Syria and Saudi Arabia) conditionally. Lebanon refused to leave its present neutral position between the Egypt-Syria alliance and the Iraq-Turkey pact. Observers here believed that Lebanon Government was divided on this issue and that President Suleiman favoured participation in the new Egyptian inter-Arab alliance while the Foreign Minister, Mr. Alfred Naccache was firmly against it. As a compromise the Lebanese statesmen suggested economic co-operation with the new inter-Arab organisation.

Major Salem told them it must be all or nothing and that Lebanon then refused to join the pact, informed sources said. In Baghdad, the projected new Arab League defence pact was discussed in a private meeting held between Turkey's President Celal Bayar and Defence Minister Elm Menderes and Iraq's Premier Nuri al Said and Foreign Minister Bourhaneddin Bishayan, an official spokesman for the Turkish delegation now visiting here said.

The spokesman said that the four statesmen discussed the Middle East situation in the light of the joint communiqué published by Syria, Egypt, and Saudi Arabia yesterday in which the three Arab states refused to join the Turkey-Iraq mutual defence pact and said they intended to set up their own new Arab League defence pact.

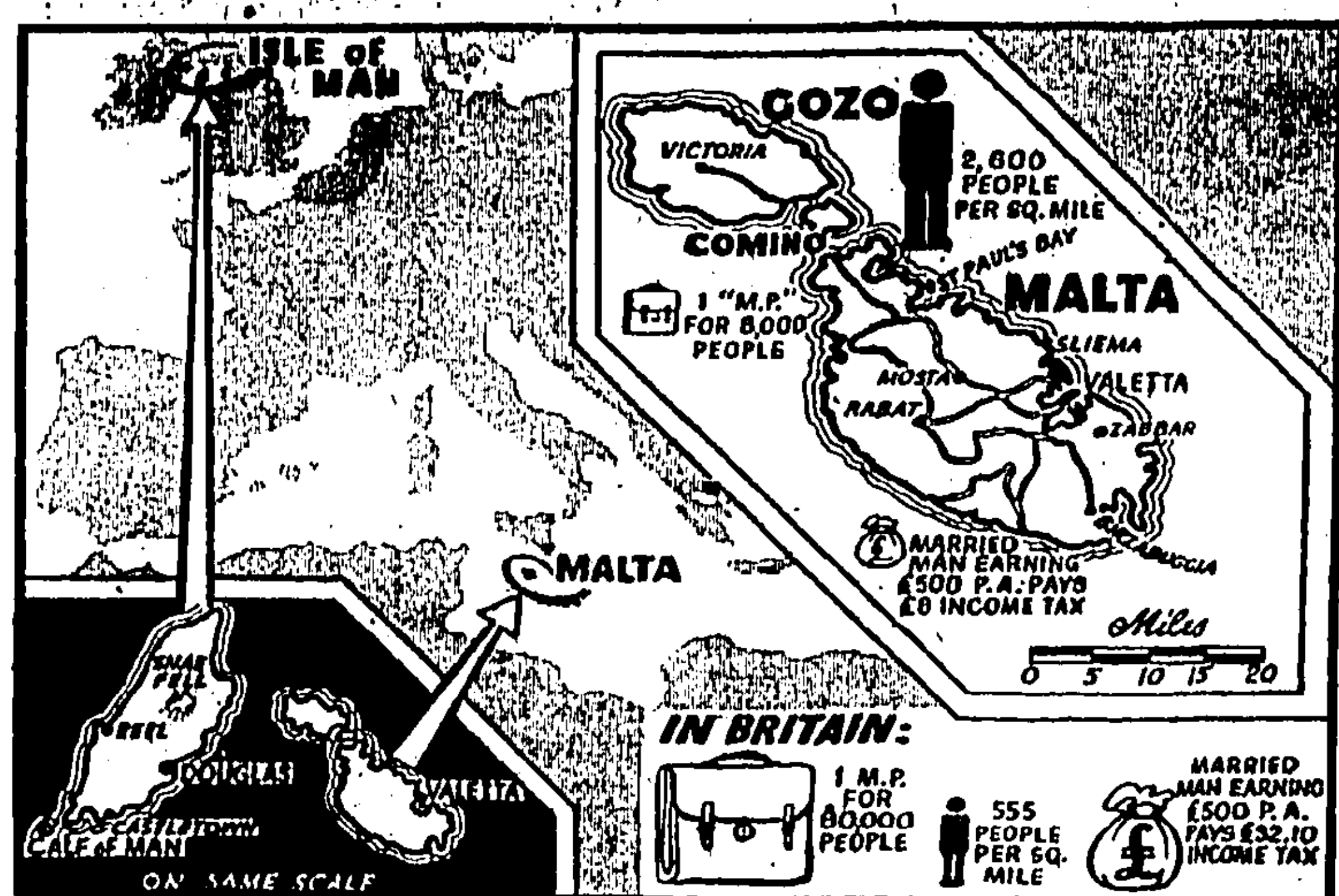
**NOT SURPRISED**  
American officials in Washington said that they were not surprised by the announcement that Egypt, Syria and Saudi Arabia had decided to conclude a defence pact, place their forces under joint command and refrain from joining any other alliances. They said they had assumed that some such development would emerge from Egypt's determination to try to rally Arab sentiment against the Turkey-Iraq pact, which is viewed here as having struck a strong blow to Arab League unity.

The State Department's spokesman, Mr. Henry Stuydam, asked at his regular noon conference to react to the new pact, said he had "no comment." Other officials said they did not yet have enough detailed information to decide whether Syria and Saudi Arabia were enthusiastic about the arrangement as Cairo.

Meanwhile, it was conceded that Jordan's action would be most significant. Diplomatic authorities said they were awaiting with interest some sign of what Jordan might do about the invitation extended to her to join the Arab grouping.

The impression in diplomatic quarters here was that if Jordan joined Egypt in the new plan, it would have some real significance in the area. Without Jordan, the pact would be viewed here as a rather ineffective propaganda instrument rather than an effective force in the area.

**EXPRESSED REGRET**  
American authorities in the past have expressed regret at Egypt's refusal of the idea of a regional Middle East alliance cutting across religious and ethnic lines. However, they have been well aware of Egyptian sentiment in the matter and had expected this latest development. The situation was a logical extension of Cairo's current policy—France-Prussia and United Press.



## Arming Japs More Vital Than Formosa Security

Washington, Mar. 7. Japanese rearmament was strategically more important than the security of the Chinese Nationalist Island stronghold of Formosa in the struggle against Communism, the Baltimore Sun said today.

Japan, for her own security and for the security of the free world, "must prepare for defence," the paper said in an editorial.

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**U.S. DISAPPOINTED**  
It said Mr. Struve Hensel, the Assistant Secretary of Defence, on a visit to Tokyo had apparently told the Japanese that Washington was disappointed in the pace of Japanese rearmament and felt that Japan could afford to spend on defence four or five per cent of her gross national product instead of the present two and a half per cent.

However, the paper said Japan's shaky economy and growing anti-Americanism were the principal factors working against a fully Japanese rearmament.

"Standards of living are low in Japan and cannot be raised except through an expansion of production and of trade," it added. "A large army based on a too poor population is apt to be neither an efficient nor a dependable army."—China Mail Special.

## NZ TO SELECT MIGRANTS

Wellington, Mar. 7. New Zealand may take 1,500 carefully selected immigrants from Germany and Austria.

The Immigration Minister, Mr. Ralph Hanan, said today it was proposed to accept these immigrants through the Joint Inter-Governmental Committee for European Migration. He said New Zealand had applied for membership in the Committee which was formed in 1951 and which includes many European nations and Australia as members.—China Mail Special.

## Toynbee Accused Of Anti-Jewish Bias

Cleveland, Ohio, Mar. 7. Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver, leader of Zionists in America, accused the historian Dr Arnold Toynbee of anti-Jewish bias in his regular sermon in the Temple yesterday.

Dr Silver also charged Dr Toynbee, author of the famous "Study of History," with writing history to suit his own notions of what should have happened.

Rabbi Silver said Dr Toynbee had a "pet theory that nationalistic feelings are wrong, yet is all right when England is concerned. It's just wrong with the countries he doesn't like."

Dr Toynbee, in the Committee which was formed in 1951 and which includes many European nations and Australia as members.—China Mail Special.

## Will Malta Become Part Of Britain?

ONE day there will be M.P.s for Malta in the House of Commons—if the Maltese Socialists get their way.

Last Saturday the people of the George Cross Island went to the polls.

The Socialist Party, which won, want integration with Britain.

There are many reasons why the Maltese should want to form part of the British Isles. Malta is poor. She has had to contend with many difficulties since the hectic wartime days of bombardment from the air.

The acute overpopulation is a constant problem; the Maltese have found it hard to balance budgets; and their export figures, small as they are, are mostly accounted for by "exports" to ships and aircraft stores rather than shipments overseas.

Britain has already promised to put Malta under the Colonial Office and to give her status similar to that of the Isle of Man—an island twice as big as Malta.

But the Maltese want more than that. They want to have representatives at Westminster and to share the British social services. In fact, they are threatening to leave the Commonwealth if they are not gradually incorporated into Britain under a twenty-year plan.

It seems curious that these island people, 1,300 miles away, should seek to reduce their legislative representation by 90 per cent and to quadruple their income tax!

**Blind And Deaf Parents Can Keep Son**  
Akron, Mar. 7. Blind and deaf Mr and Mrs Harold Hathaway were awarded the custody of their normal two-week-old son today after the Summit County Welfare Department withdrew its objections.

Juvenile Judge Mr Russell Thomas discussed the matter of the boy, Clarence, with the Hathaways and welfare officials in a private hearing this morning.

After the hearing, he said an agreement was being worked out with all parties so that Mr Hathaway, 53, and his wife, George, 52, could keep the boy.—United Press.

## News Blackout In Ireland

Belfast, Mar. 7. Northern Ireland police today imposed a complete security blackout on all movements along the border with the Irish Republic, following week-end shootings in which one man was killed and two persons wounded.

The police refused to give any information whether the emergency zone was over the 100-mile frontier or whether a further mobilisation of special part-time constables to strengthen the regular police was intended for tonight.—Reuter.

## French Govt To Stand Ground

Paris, Mar. 7. The French Government decided tonight to stand its ground in its fight with the National Assembly over a controversial budget chapter dealing with salaries of civil servants.

The Cabinet agreed in a meeting not to make any new concessions in the so-called "common expenditures" budget beyond the offer already made by the Premier, M. Edgar Faure.

The Assembly set aside consideration of this chapter when it was submitted by the former Premier, M. Pierre Mendès-France, on grounds that it did not sufficiently meet Government employees' wage demands. Since then the Assembly's finance committee has rejected a series of concessions offered by M. Faure in a "reconciliation" offer.

M. Faure has received United Nations approval for a vote of confidence in the Government. In the current budget debate, France Press.

## Archbishop Returns To Moscow And Priest To America

Moscow, Mar. 7. The Russian Orthodox Archbishop Boris, whose permit to stay in the United States was withdrawn recently, returned to Moscow today.

"I regret deeply that now while the Russian Orthodox Church is observing Lent and looking forward to the feast of Easter, I have been forced to leave my American flock," he told a Tass correspondent.

"According to certain American newspapers the refusal to extend my visa was brought about on political grounds," he said. "If this is so and if they regarded me as a political person this is a thoroughly deplorable delusion."

"The action of the American authorities grieves me particularly as I see in it a preconceived attitude towards the representatives of the Russian Orthodox Church while at the same time the representatives of other Churches are allowed to carry on their work in the United States without hindrance."

"I give God's blessing to all the faithful of the Russian Orthodox Church in America and wish the whole American people a peaceful life," he said.

Rochester, Mar. 7. Reverend Father George Bissonnette, the American priest who was expelled from Moscow last week after two years which when spent as the only chaplain for Moscow's diplomatic colony said on his arrival in New York today he is "ready to go back to Moscow if the possibility arises."

Father Bissonnette said he met the Communist Party chief Nikita Khrushchev at a Yugoslav Embassy party and that Khrushchev introduced him to

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**FOUR KILLED IN CHEMICAL BLAST**  
Glasgow, Mar. 7. The death toll in a Rutherford chemical works explosion last night rose to four today when one of the 15 seriously injured died in hospital. Several others are critically ill.

The explosion in the coal pulverising plant killed three men instantly and injured about 30.—China Mail Special.

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# PIN-TABLES COME DOWN TO POLITICS

By Sefton Delmer

Tokyo. Pachinko is the linking name the Japanese have given their latest national god—the pin-table. Everywhere in Tokyo today you will find pachinko parlours—street-level dens glancingly lit with neon lights inside and out, raucous with blaring, over-amplified dance music.

Whenever I looked in, night or day, they were packed with devotees standing before long narrow rows of pin-tables, grey-faced, concentrated, intense, their hands manipulating levers with the delicacy of a safe-breaker studying the combination.

Some of Tokyo's pachinko parlours have as many as three floors, like a department store, each crammed with the maximum of machines and players.

It is completely crazy and completely horrible. The prizes are packets of cigarettes, cheap fountain pens, dolls, boxes of sweets, and that kind of thing. Never money.

## Unrest

ONE Japanese friend of mine puts down the pachinko craze to mental unrest among the Japanese, caused by psychotic shock to their confidence through the lost war. I fancy there is a good deal in that.

It is another straw pointing to the political difficulties we are going to face here when Japan is called on to walk all by herself once again.

But I see another potent reason for the pachinko cult in the parlous economic situation of the Japanese, particularly of the clerks and ex-students who gamble here.

That was the view, too, of Shozo Murata, a 75-year-old veteran shipowner and close friend of Premier Hatoyama. Shozo Murata loathed the sight of the garish, shrieking pachinko parlours as he

drove to and from his office every morning and evening. Pachinko must be killed, he decided, and the best way to kill it was to kill under-employment and under-production which breed the poverty and idleness on which pachinko thrives.

Yes, I said under-employment and under-production. Forget that old picture of Japan as a thriving hive of industry where everything the world wants is produced at prices vastly lower than any that competitors in Europe or America can meet.

To be sure, Japanese production is up 40 percent on prewar level. But in many fields production costs in Japan are far above world prices, and the quality of articles produced is below that of the cheaper products of her competitors.

Japanese labour costs are higher than labour costs abroad, because it takes three or four Japanese to produce what one British, German or American worker produces in the same time.

## Markets

THE machinery in many of Japan's industries is often old and worn out.

Above all Japan is badly hit by having to import from far away at expensive freight rates basic raw materials like coking coal, iron ore, and salt. These she used to draw from nearby China and Manchuria.

Coking coal, for instance, is now imported from the United States.

Not does Japan any longer enjoy a safe market for her produce in Southeast Asia. Much of that, as owing to the chaotic mismanagement of the Asiatic Nationalist governments which succeeded the British and the Dutch, has become too unreliable as a customer.

So what did old Shozo Murata decide to do about it. He made up his mind to travel to Communist China and see what he could do about reopening normal trade relations with that country and perhaps normal political relations as well.

Premier Hatoyama, to whom he broached the plan, was delighted. Hatoyama was not afraid of trading on American terms. He enjoys it.

Like many other Japs on top today, he has an old personal score to settle. (Way back in 1940, after Hatoyama

had won the election and was on the point of realising his ambition to become Premier, the Americans had him "purged.") They proscribed him from holding any kind of public office. Why? Because of the support he had given in the past to a Japanese ultra Nationalist society and other little things like that.)

Well, Shozo Murata travelled by way of Hongkong to Peking. In a short time he saw every one from the Education and Welfare Ministers to the Commerce and Finance Secretaries and Chou En-lai himself. Now he is back and I, in my turn, have seen Shozo Murata.

It is fascinating—the immense impact the New China has made on this typically old-guard Japanese shipping magnate, a shrewd man without a trace of Leftist illusions. But it is obvious, too, that he went ready to have "open mind" filled.

Chou En-lai spent four hours on old Shozo and I would say they were four of the most profitable hours he has put in in a lifetime of profitable talking.

For what he has had to say has gone back not only to Premier Hatoyama—from whom it provoked the announcement that he would recognise Peking—but to the most important political and industrial leaders in Japan. There men pay a lot of attention to Murata.

## The works

CHOU EN-LAI gave Murata the whole works. In a long historical retrospect he covered such points as these—

THAT there had only once been an invasion of Japan by the peace-loving Chinese.

THAT the Chinese had at least shaken off the yoke of foreign oppressors and exploiters.

THAT all Asiatic races must raise themselves to prosperity out of their own resources. (But he did admit the need for some outside help.)

THAT the United States, in her postwar policy, had sought to divide China by aiding Chiang while Soviet Russia, her great brother-country, had given generous help to the forces seeking to unite the country.

China, said Chou En-lai—and this clearly impressed Murata—had no expansionist aims.

No Chinese soldiers had ever served with Ho Chi-minh in Indo-China and no Chinese could ever be sent into Indo-China. Chou was adamant on that.

Korea? Chinese intervention there was purely a matter of defensive precaution to prevent the Americans from reaching and crossing the Yalu River.

Formosa? Chou, of course, claimed it as part of China seized and occupied by the Americans. They would not rest until the Americans had been expelled, he promised.

Murata said he got the impression that Chou was not ready for any kind of compromise in the matter of Formosa. The most interesting thing to my mind was that there was no kind of protest from Chou En-lai against Japanese plans to return.

## Trade plans

PERHAPS realistically Chou calculated this army, air force, and navy which the Americans want the Japanese to build up would not really amount to much of a threat.

Or perhaps more subtly he knew how sensitively the Japanese would be likely to react to any threats against their right to rearm similar to those uttered by Moscow against German rearmament.

And of course Chou was incensed that Japan-China trade should not be developed provided—and here was the point—Japan showed a like independence of the Americans.

Indeed, he was as good as his word. In a few weeks, Murata revealed to me, the Chinese trade delegation would be visiting Japan to negotiate with Japanese traders interested in China trade.

And old Mr. Murata is convinced he has brought back something which will help him kill unemployment in Japan and perhaps even enliven the pachinko.

Another generation can produce another Lawrence of Arabia. In the wasteland of the "Empty Quarter," men live in perilous isolation and fight for water because they like the life. To like it, you must learn Arab philosophy, and the first lesson is the definition of Malish, the most frequently used Arabic word. It means "Don't worry."

Sanau. THE desert exerts a lure for a certain breed of men who grew up in the most civilised centres of the world. Lawrence of Arabia was such a man. Another is "Jock" Snell—Major Ian Snell, who has been called "another Lawrence of Arabia." For him, the emptiness and stillness of desert grandeur has a fascination with which traffic jams and wide-screen cinemas cannot compete.

"I would miss all this if I ever go home," Snell told me as we gazed across the rolling, sandy waste. "But don't make the mistake of calling the desert empty and still. The desert is a living thing. Natural and human camouflage make things less obvious than they are in our gaudy civilisation."

Just then a whining bullet pinged off a nearby rock. Snell barked orders in Arabic to the Hadramauti Levies with us, and they started answering the fire in the direction of a distant ridge.

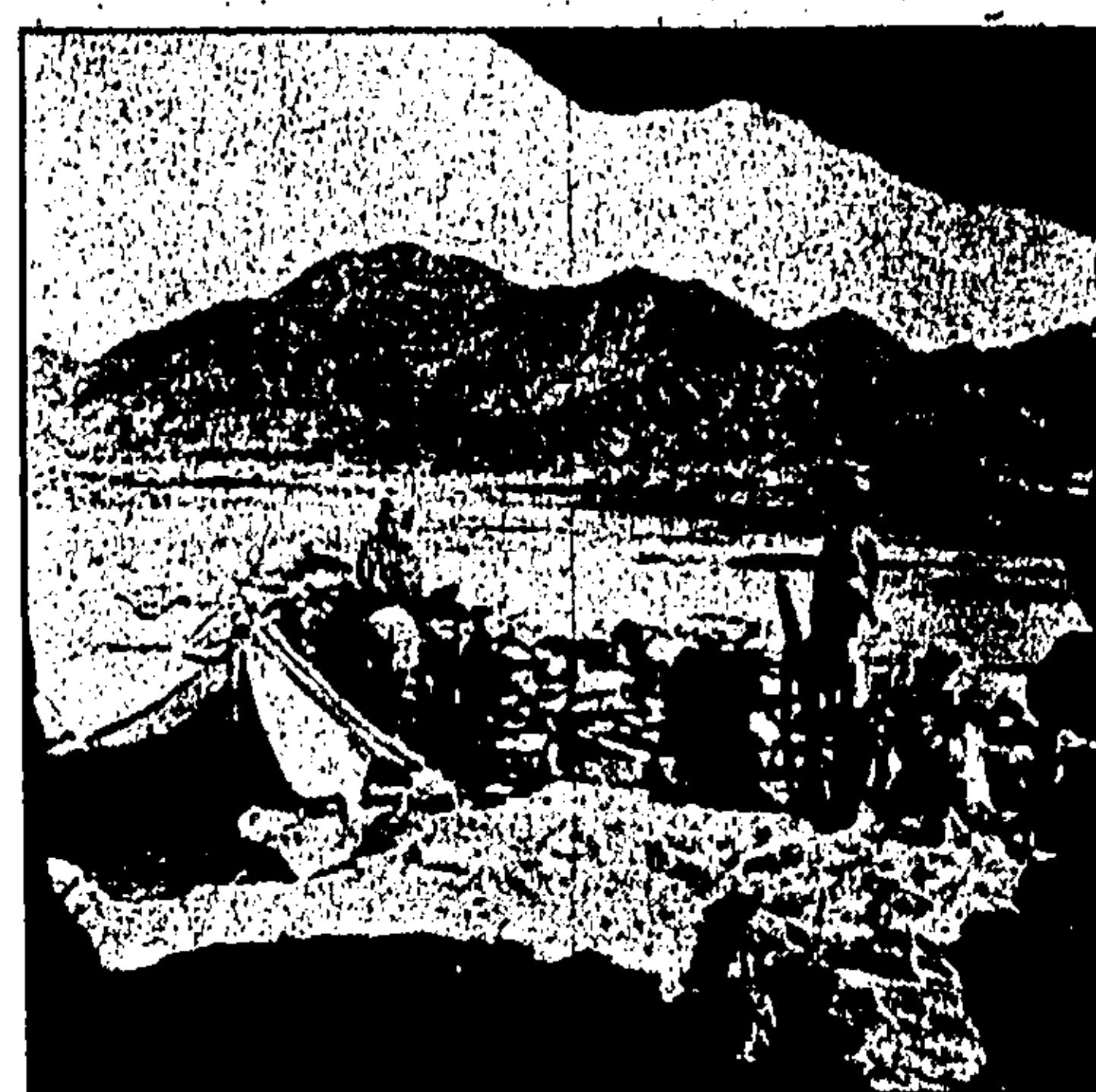
You see what I mean," said Snell. Major Ian Snell joined the Sussex Regiment as a drummer boy, and is now one of the British "advisers" who help native sheikhs keep the peace in the desert against marauders and warring tribes. He comes from Washington, a village in Sussex, where Jomo Kenyatta stayed during his exile from Kenya.

## Empty Quarter

We flew to Sanau in a small plane loaded down with bales of empty sandbags, coils of barbed-wire and trench shovels. Sanau is 500 miles northwest of Aden, in the Rub al-Khali or "Empty Quarter," where the border of Saudi Arabia, the Trucial Coast states and the Aden Protectorate vaguely merge.

Sanau consists of nothing but a brickish wall and a small stone fort which guards it. There are no local residents—only Snell and 70 Levies. If there is oil under Sanau, no one has probed for it. But it is one of the most hotly contested strongholds in the desert.

Snell, who wears the scarlet kaffia, or headress, of the Sultan of Mukalla's Levies, told us we were the first "foreigners" besides three British officers to set foot in Sanau.



Levy troops stand guard at the outpost near Qas Ba Masallum, north of Aden.

"I've been in these parts for seven years," he said, "and I didn't get here myself until September. We've had some trouble here, and there's reason to believe that more is in the offing."

Our pilot, Flying officer D.R. Bryan of Portsmouth, pointed to the small stone fort. "They just buried six of their boys under there not long ago—killed by marauders."

One of the Levies, armed with a bandolier, curved knife and high velocity rifle, took up the story:

## War Songs

"We fire flares in the night watch to see the enemy crawling on their bellies in the sand. Last night, we spotted someone crawling towards the fort in the darkness. We held our fire until we were sure it was an enemy. When it was almost upon us, we saw it was a camel. His comrades shrieked with laughter."

Snell took us over to see the ancient well which keeps the outpost and any peaceful visitors supplied with the lifeblood of the desert.

Near by was a battered Land Rover which he uses to roam the trackless wastes on reconnaissance.

"That was the jeep in which Queen Elizabeth toured Aden," he grinned. "You wouldn't think so to look at it now."

Snell called some of the Levies around to share the lemonade which we had brought along in the plane in case of thirst. "These are first-class chaps," he said. "I live with them alone here—just the sort for taking care of things up here."

A crew of Levies was unloading the plane, rhythmically chanting Arab war songs, when great gusts whipped across the sand and filled the air with a million tiny knives. We lightened our head scarves around our faces, and the tall and bronzed Snell shouted Arabic oaths in a gravelly voice to speed them up.

"You'll have to get in the air before this wind takes hold or you'll never get out," he said.

## Ferment In The Middle East: Part 6

# DESERT WARFARE UP TO DATE

By Harold Guard

(PHOTOS BY CHARLES DAWSON)

"How they get up there is a puzzle," said the pilot. "There's a road up the mountain, but it would take a Tenzing to climb it."

I thought of Tenzing again as our plane leaped over a razor-backed mountain chain and dodged a conical, 6,000-foot peak as we settled down to an improvised landing strip.

"That's Mount Everest," the pilot laughed, pointing to the peak. "Even the Levies call it that now."

Our first greeting as we stepped off the plane was the shout "Keep your head down!" from Tom Rideout, a 21-year-old Flight-Lieutenant who commands the Aden Levies guarding this desert outpost. And as we dodged our way from the plane to the tent camp, with the distant sound of rifle fire in our ears, we soon understood the local preoccupation with "Mount Everest."

## Deadly Aim

The conical mountain, which overlooks the Levies camp, is infested with Arab "bandits," who use long-range rifles, telescopic sights and deadly aim to snipe at the camp.

A cordon of look-outs scampered up the lower ranges with the agility of mountain goats and began returning the fire. Another shot echoed among the mountains and Rideout pointed to the wisp of blue smoke which indicated whence it came.

"You see that wadi down there with the small stream. That's our only water supply and that's where the bandits get their water too. Every time we send out a patrol for water, there's a fight. We always have to fight for water up there."

The khaki-clad Levies crowded around us as Rideout described the fighting habits of the enemy. They laughed delightedly and gave their own pantomime version of the bandit snipers crouching behind rocks, sighting, and grimacing savagely as they squeezed the trigger.

"They paint their bodies with indigo blue," the young officer explained. "Dark bodies painted blue become almost invisible against these rocks. I have



Ian "Jock" Snell



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watched them, in twos and threes, literally disappear before my eyes against the rocky background. They also have a blue cloth draped over one shoulder. Their name for this cloth is the same Arabic word for 'coffin', and the cloth is used to wrap around their bodies if they get killed."

Rideout showed us a bullet hole in his head scarf near the nape of his neck.

"I got this yesterday. At first I thought it was the wind, but the bullet ricocheted against the wing of our truck."

Another burst of fire, and our pilot said: "I hope they're not potting at my crate." We went into a tent for a quieter conversation.

"It's really interesting up here," Rideout said, with a doubtful look about expecting his guests to agree. "Real Kipling country. The Romans were around here once."

"We have found great slabs of marble lying about which could only have come from some sort of building. There are two aqueducts not far away, and their construction is undoubtedly Roman. We found an alabaster slab with Roman inscriptions on it among the rocks way up on the escarpment."

## Malish

He showed us a small sack of shiny Maria Theresa dollars, the only acceptable currency in this wild country. The Levies use them to buy their rations from local traders.

"Yesterday I paid seven of these dollars, worth about five shillings each, for a goat. We buy all our fresh meat—goats and sheep—and the price varies with the supply," he said. "I asked the Levies what they thought about having to fight for every drop of water they use."

"Malish," ("Not to worry") said Ahmed Abdullah Qutub, a handsome officer of the little force, which is on the alert night and day against ambush and sudden attack.

But our pilot was getting fidgety, cocking an experienced eye at an apparently empty blue sky outside the tent.

"We had better be getting out of here before the winds start or else we won't make it," he said.

A squad of Levies emerged with their cocked rifles and escorted us back to the little plane.

"Malish," the Levies grinned as we said farewell and wished them safety.

They stood in the open, within range of the snipers on "Mount Everest," as our plane wobbled off over a dried river bed up the side of a mountain.

The little plane twisted and turned among the peaks, and tossed about like a cork in a sea of great waves of desert heat surging upwards.

"Malish," I thought as we saw back to Aden. "The only philosophy to keep a man sane out here."

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## THE MOST TOLERANT NATION IN THE WORLD... AND THE CRAZIEST? BRITAIN SUBSIDISES SEDITION

By J. L. Hays

Nicosia, Cyprus. JUST how stupid can the British be! The Cyprus Government (which really means the British taxpayer) is paying about £70,000 a year to assist 15,000 Cypriot teenagers to develop anti-British ideas.

Here in this Crown Colony, the British are helping to maintain co-educational secondary schools which are administered by the Greek Ministry of Education in Athens and staffed by Greek teachers using Greek text-books and following Greek curricula.

And, of course, these secondary schools (gymnasies, as they are known) are the training and recruiting ground of the Eokata movement, led by black-headed Archbishop Makarios III, which is pledged to secure the transfer of Cyprus to Greece.

It seems that the decision to maintain the "Hellenic character" of the island's secondary education was taken in the 1880's, soon after Britain rescued Cyprus from the Ottoman Empire. Perhaps it appeared very commendable at the time; but no wonder the British have this Eokata problem on their hands now, with four or five generations of Cypriots already "processed" in these schools.

How is it that Cypriots can want to be worse off, by turning away from the British Commonwealth and seeking Greek control? The answer lies in those schools, established by "Donor" porticoes and portraits of the Greek royal family.

The boys in their short-pinked, German-looking caps, and the girls in their gymnasium slips and sailor-hats, receive a "pure Hellenic education"—that

is, a pure Greek education. It is no wonder that many declared Eokata can only counter political logic with the emotional declaration: "I feel Greek—so I am Greek!"

At the same time it is impossible for a British administrator to criticise "pure Hellenic education" now, however muddy without sparking off a first-class row. There was even uproar here when the Government insisted on its right to have its say in the membership of local school committees. Cypriot mayors, Communists and Nationalists alike, promptly branded the Government's action as "a violation of the principles of freedom!"

tuberculosis street collection because doing so would have "impeded co-operation with the British."

Yet, slowly but surely, the prestige of the gymnasies is actually waning, and without Government action having been taken.

Commerce is booming in Cyprus; and fewer parents seem

heavy about spending about £100 over a six-year period, on a classical education designed to fit their children for professional careers by way of Greek universities. Private schools that teach shorthand, typewriting and bookkeeping are becoming increasingly popular. At the expense of the co-educational Hellenic "gymnasies."

Nevertheless, the nationalistic gymnasies of Cyprus will remain for many years to come symbols of "pure Hellenic education," and anti-British thought. Symbols, too, of British tolerance and liberalism.





## BY THE WAY

by Beachcomber

I HAVE often read and I saw the story repeated today... that Dali tried to introduce a flying hippopotamus into his production of Strauss's opera "Salome," the heroine of which, as the schoolboy said, "Danced naked in front of Harolds."

I wonder how the management dealt with Dali's request. Did they try to settle for a non-flying hippopotamus? Did they argue, crying, "But why? What has a hippopotamus got to do with it?" One story says that the management caught the infection, announced the opera as "Salome," and called the hippopotamus in the programme Peter Pan. At the first performance the wires broke and the hapless beast fell on to a model of a gasworks in yellow zinc, which represented the Peloponnesian War.

### Song for a film star

I'm just a lonesome highbrow  
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To buy food and clothing, they're loud  
For the mind.  
I'm a million-dollar highbrow,  
For good books my heart's heart  
aches.  
They do jump to me,  
They send a thrill through me,  
Then clatter and scold me, they're  
got what it takes.  
Refrain: T-e-m-p-o-r-a-l value.  
(unintelligible)

That's all, folks.  
What have you done to me?

## YOUR BIRTHDAY

By STELLA

TUESDAY, MARCH 8

BOHN today, you have strong personal convictions and once you have made up your mind to something, you will stick to it until someone comes along who can read you "chapter and verse" on why you should change your opinion. With sufficient proof, you are smart enough to change your course, but you will do nothing on guesswork.

You are an excellent executive and know how to get the co-operation of others in some project which you wish to undertake. You have a sense of justice and you believe that all should share alike, provided, of course, that everyone contributes an equal amount of work. You have little use for one who evades his duty, which might lead you to enter the Church but at all events, you will be an ardent worker in the parish and are keenly interested in seeing

that all those less fortunate than yourself have a better chance in life. You are fond of receiving the genuine plaudits of your friends, but can read shallow flattery which you abhor. Your magnetic personality will attract people to you. There will probably be one deep love in your life, although you may have more than one romance before you die. Your marriage should be an exceptionally happy one.

Among those born on this date are: Oliver Wendell Holmes, noted jurist; Stuart Chase, economist; Sydney Shields and Clair Trevor, actresses; Catherine Lorillard Wolfe, philanthropist; and Albert Stern, artist.

To find what the stars have in store for you tomorrow, select your birthday star and read the corresponding paragraph. Let your birthday star be your daily guide.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 9

PISCES (Feb. 20-Mar. 20)—If perplexed by a personal problem which seems insoluble, consult a specialist and get good advice.

ARIES (Mar. 21-Apr. 20)—Self-reliance can be the most important thing in your life today. Follow your own ideas about things.

TAURUS (Apr. 21-May 21)—You may have a really good idea today but it may be buried under one that is not so good! Do some careful sifting.

GEMINI (May 22-June 21)—A fine day for either social or business affairs. In fact, you might even combine them advantageously.

CANCER (June 22-July 23)—If you are asked to help, do so, but don't go around poking your nose into other people's business!

LEO (July 24-Aug. 23)—You should have the deciding vote in any decision today. Your own judgment can be depended upon.

VIRGO (Aug. 24-Sept. 23)—Unless you are sure that somebody you can return a favour, don't ask for one, yourself.

LIBRA (Sept. 24-Oct. 23)—You will find it useful to follow your budget, carefully. You'll then have something left over for pleasure.

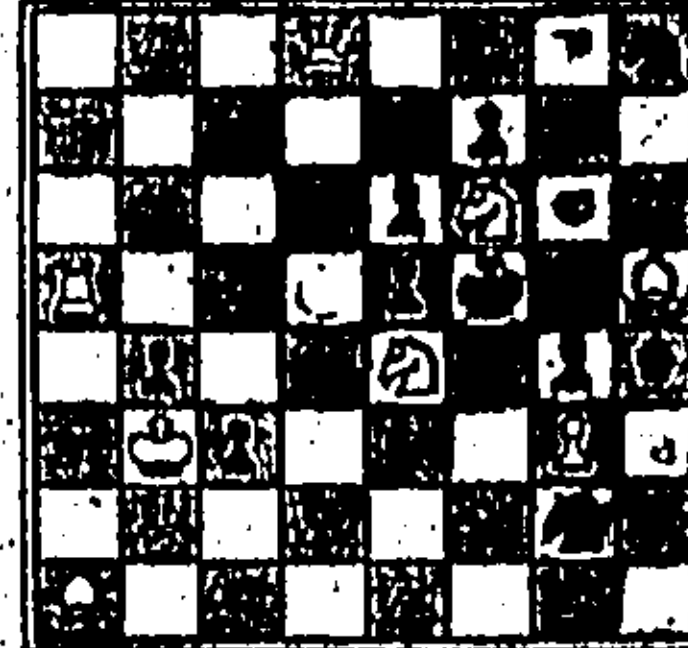
SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 23)—In giving advice be sure that you are sagittarius as possible. Some people heartily resent being corrected.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 22)—Gossip and rumour can be dangerous if you act upon them. Check the facts, first.

### CHESS PROBLEM

By F. BERHAUSEN

Black, 10 pieces.



Solution to yesterday's problem:

1. Q-Q5; threat 2. Kt-R5 (ch).  
2. ... B-R2; Kt-P; 2. Kt-R5 (ch); 1. ... B-R2; 2. Kt-Q3 (ch).

## JACOBY ON BRIDGE

Duplicate Bridge Is Worth Trying

By OSWALD JACOBY

DUPLICATE bridge is one of the most enjoyable forms of our finest card game, but many bridge fans are shy about trying it. They need have no more fears since there is at last a splendid book to introduce them to the game, from the most elementary to the most advanced points.

"If you're in a bad contract in a duplicate tournament," observes my associate, Alfred Sheinwald, in his brand-new book "How to Bid and Play in Duplicate Bridge," "you must look for any desperate manoeuvre that may salvage a few match points from the wreckage. West leads the deuce of clubs, and East wins the first trick with the ace. East returns the four of clubs."

"Your first step is to prepare a few choice remarks to make to your partner at the end of the hand. He should be playing the hand at four hearts instead of letting you play it at three

NORTH 13	
▲ A J	♦ K J 10 7 5
♦ 8 7 5 3 2	♠ 8
WEST	
▲ Q 8 7	♦ 10 4 3 2
♦ 9 4 2	♠ 9 3
♦ K J 10	♠ Q J 7 4 3
♦ Q 10 5 2	
SOUTH (D)	
▲ K 9	♦ A 8
♦ A 8	♠ A 9 4
♦ K 9	♠ K 9
Both sides vul.	
South West North East	
1 N T Pass 3 ♥ Pass	
2 N T Pass 3 ♥ (1) Pass	
Opening lead—♠ 2	

no-trump. He would lose a club with one or two diamonds, making either ten or eleven tricks.

"At no-trump you can run nine tricks without the slightest difficulty—five hearts, a club, a diamond and two spades. This will probably get you only a near-bottom. You get no match points for three no-trump when everybody else is making four or five hearts."

"The only hope is to play for 10 tricks at no-trump in the hope that only 10 tricks can be made at hearts. (There is no play for 11 tricks at no-trump, so you must resign yourself to a bad score if it is possible to make 11 tricks at hearts.)"

"You win the second trick with the king of clubs and immediately finesse dummy's jack of spades. If the finesse loses, the defenders will run their clubs and defeat the game contract. Even if this happens, you have still made the right play. The score for being set will be only a point or so worse than the score for making nine tricks at no-trump."

"If the spade finesse works, you will have 10 tricks at no-trump: three spades, five hearts, a diamond and a club. This gives you a chance for a good score. If the diamonds are obliging enough to break 3-1, the other declarer will lose two diamonds and a club at their heart contract. You will have a fine score for 10 tricks at no-trump, and you will compliment your partner on his risky but brilliant pass."

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# WOMANSENSE

## DIOR VERSION OF SPANISH DRESS



Christian Dior presents this dinner ensemble, "Andalousie," in his recent spring and summer collection. The dress, in Spanish style, is made of multi-coloured silk; it has a lowered waistline and deep slounces. — Agence France-Presse.

## KEEP IN TRIM Exercise For A Streamlined Silhouette

By IDA JEAN KAIN

CALISTHENICS are slimming but not reducing. There's a sizable difference. Slimming refers to inches... reducing to pounds.

It's true you can't substitute exercise for diet. A few calisthenics night and morning, even rugged ones, won't offset the bulging consequences of overeating. A perfect reducing diet will knock off pounds, but, alas, it won't tighten flabby muscles.

Face it. If you diet to reduce but do not exercise, you'll have the same figure but on a slightly smaller scale. So it's not a question of exercise versus diet... it's slimming stretch-bands and turns plus calorie curbing for the overweight lass. The normal weight whose waist needs cinching in can skip the diet because what she is after is slimming... not reducing.

the figure controlling muscles, makes them compact, and gives them better shape—and you, too, provided they are needed for fuel. That's where diet fits in... When the intake of calories is cut below the required amount, stored fat is burned and weight drops. Summed up: With exercise alone you can tone muscles and measure slimmer. With diet alone, you lose weight but do not tone the muscles. Back up diet with a small amount of regular exercise and you can lose weight and inches.

Position: Lying on back on floor, hands clasped behind head, knees bent toward chest.

Movement: Holding knees together and pulling snugly up—and-in with the abdominal muscles, lower legs from one side to the other in a swinging motion, touching floor each time. Be sure to keep shoulders as flat on floor as possible.



Tones girdle, slims waist

## Spring Styles From Paris



These are three of the attractive spring styles just received from Paris.

Left: A real "Parisienne" afternoon dress in navy blue silk with big printed daisies and a white organdy collar.

Centre: A woolen tailored suit with hat in orange felt.

Right: A smart evening dress called "Boulette". The bodice shows up the shape of the bust, beautiful décolleté in the back, long sleeves, light drape on the hips with a white bow at the back.—London Express Service.

## THIS FRENCH DISH IS A CINCH

HERE'S a kitchen-quickie from Paris for the time when your man-about-the-house comes home with that "I want something to eat NOW" look.

Some of the best Continental dishes are the simplest and this is one. It is called Escalopes de Veau aux

Epinards (veal escalope with spinach).

For two you need: Two slices of fillet of veal (4ozs. each); one egg yolk; breadcrumbs; butter; salt and pepper; 1lb. spinach; coffee cream or "top of the milk."

Brush meat with flour and paint with egg yolk. Dip in seasoned breadcrumbs, making

sure they stick firmly. Cook in butter for about five minutes each side.

Cook spinach in salt water until tender, then strain, and sieve. Replace purée in a pan over a low heat, stir in a large knob of butter, and add cream until it is almost liquid.

Pour into hot dish and lay the escalopes on top.

—PAMELA RICHARD

## BOYS' AND GIRLS' MAGAZINE

### Teddy's Sad Discovery

—You've Got to Stay What You're Born—

By MAX TRELL

TEDDY the Stuffed Bear said to Knarf and Hanid, the shadow-children with the turned-about names, "I wish I could be a shadow! I mean," he went on, "I wish I could be anything but a big, fat, lumpy bear."

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## What Causes Cancer?

By H. N. Bundesen, M.D.

PROLONGED exposure to certain substances can give rise to cancer. Experiments and actual experiences seem to have proved this.

Medical experts differ about whether many types of chronic irritations ultimately lead to cancer. One of the irritations about which they disagree is stomach ulcer. However, there is no disagreement with the fact that repeated exposure to radiation, as from X-rays, sun or radioactive elements, can cause cancer to develop.

Some chemical substances such as tar, arsenic and the substances encountered in the processing of chromium, beryllium and aniline dyes can all give rise to malignant lesions. Chronic mechanical irritation can do the same.

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## WORLD CUP SERIES ON THE SCREEN



Hungary's Hidegkuti scores a goal with his head as Uruguayan goalkeeper Maspoli is too late to save in the semi-final match of the World Cup Series at Lausanne, Switzerland, last year, when Hungary beat the Jules Rimet Cup holders by four goals to two.

This is one of the countless World Cup scenes that can be seen on the screen, starting today, at the Queen's and Alhambra Theatres. The film will run for three or four days, being feature length with only a newscast before it.

Every match in the Series is covered, with more screen time being devoted, of course, to the quarter-final and semi-final matches and the final in which Germany beat Hungary 3-2.

## NORTHAMPTONS BEAT NORTH STAFFS TO ANNEX THE TEAM BOXING CHAMPIONSHIP

By OUR BOXING REPORTER

In one of the best staged tournaments it has been my pleasure to see in Hongkong the boxers of the 1st Bn., Northampton Regiment, beat the strongly fancied team from 1st Bn., North Staffordshire Regiment, by 17 points to 15 at Fanling yesterday morning to win the Land Forces Inter-Unit Team Championship.

A big service audience of almost 3,000 packed the natural arena and they were indeed well rewarded for their presence.

The organisation of this show was magnificent and the Headquarters staff of 27 Infantry Brigade and the Army Physical Training Staff are to be congratulated on the thoroughness of their arrangements.

It was a great pity that forced circumstances denied the boxing fans of the other Services and the civilian community an opportunity to be present for there was fineistic entertainment on view.

Let me set the scene for you. A khaki-clad audience, dotted here and there with a dash of colour from a lady's dress, rose high on all sides of the ring. As soon as the guest of honour, Brigadier R. H. Bellamy, DSO, was in his seat the Master of Ceremonies took up his position and as he announced the two competing teams each in turn marched into the ring to the strains of their own Regimental March.

The two 11-man teams lined up facing each other on either side of the ring and at a pre-arranged signal they stepped forward and exchanged handshakes. Ten men from each team then left the ring and with a delay for only essential announcements the match was under way.

From there until the end of the proceedings there was not a moment's hold-up and the crowd was treated to a variety of bouts fought in traditional good spirit.

## MANY HIGHLIGHTS

There were many highlights in the programme. There was classic boxing, hard hitting, and a fair ration of the type of grand slam that really gets the audience going.

The most exciting bout was probably the Middleweight clash of Cpl. Spencer (Northampton) and L/Cpl. Bowen (North Staffs). The verdict went to Bowen who, fighting with great determination, had just the little

extra accuracy in his punching that no doubt caught the judges' eyes.

It was a thrilling bout with some grand moments of toe-to-toe punching and both men well earned the big ovation they received from the crowd at the final bell.

The North Staffs' K.O. moments, Cpl. Hilton and L/Cpl. Carey, once again showed the power of their punches with 1st and 2nd round victories respectively.

The score board figures fluctuated throughout the match. The Northamptonians got off to a fine start and by the end of the 4th round they were ahead by 7 points to 5, but they lost the next three rounds in a row to lead by one point at 11-10.

Then came the turning point of the whole show. L/Cpl. Hudson was disqualified in most unfortunate circumstances just when he seemed to be all set for victory.

His opponent, Pte. Burnett, was a most unorthodox customer who had stalked everything on an early knockout.

Hudson showed great courage in weathering the early storm and he looked to have Burnett and the match well in hand when after a mid-ring clash Burnett dropped to the boards from a low blow that appeared to be quite accidental. The verdict, however regrettable, was absolutely correct and the Northamptonians rather fortunately were back in the lead.

The teams were all square again after Bout 9, but Challinor and Aston, the North Staffs representatives in the last two contests, could not ward off the strong challenges of Pte. Spriggs and L/Cpl. Terry Beeston and so the trophy went to the Northamptonians.

Brigadier R. H. Bellamy, DSO, Deputy Commander, Land Forces, Hongkong, before presenting the prizes, congratulated both teams, the organisers, and the ring officials on a really grand show . . . and so say all of us.

## THE RESULTS

The full results were as follows (Northamptonians first):—  
Bantam: Pte. Howard beat Pte. Cookson on points.  
Feather: Pte. Houghton beat Pte. Gordon T.K.O. in 2nd Rd.  
Light: Pte. Nelson lost to Sgt. Kane on points.  
IA. Walker: L/Cpl. Beeston beat Sgt. Clarke on points.  
Welter: Pte. Ballham lost to Pte. Turner on points.  
Light: Pte. Rose lost to Cpl. Hilton T.K.O. in 1st Rd.  
L/Cpl. Carey: Pte. Hockton lost to L/Cpl. Carey K.O. in 2nd Rd.  
L/Cpl. Middle: Pte. Burnett lost to L/Cpl. Hudson. Disq. in 3rd Rd.  
Middle: Cpl. Spencer lost to L/Cpl. Bowen on points.

## CUP &amp; LEAGUE

## Three Teams With A Chance Of The Double

By VERNON MORGAN

London, Mar. 8.  
Three teams, Wolverhampton Wanderers, Manchester City and Sunderland, each have a chance of winning the Football Association Cup and taking the Football League Championship in the same season, a feat that has not been accomplished since 1897. In that year Aston Villa won both.

Many, many teams have tried for both in the last half-century only to fall between two stools and win neither. Only last season the Midlands club, West Bromwich Albion, made a valiant attempt and at least succeeded in winning the Cup. They finished second to Wolverhampton in the League.

The Wolves are going great guns again this year in a bid to retain the League Championship. They are neck and neck with Sunderland, the team they meet in the quarter-finals of the Cup on March 12.

This match, which looks to be the titbit of the round, is expected to go to the Wolves, favourites to win the final, even though they have to play away from home.

If they win, does this mean they will lose their grip on the League Championship? What it does mean is that Sunderland in losing will put everything they have got into at least topping the League.

If Wolves lose their bid for the Cup they will still strive for the League Championship as a consolation prize. Sunderland will be out to rob them of their ambition for a second time.

And what about Manchester City, the most improved side in England today? They should win their Cup tie against Birmingham City though once again drawn away and one of their chief rivals, either Wolves or Sunderland, will be eliminated. With a bit of luck in the draw for the semi-finals they may well be in the Wembley final.

Their prospects of also winning the League Championship are not so rosy for apart from Wolves and Sunderland they have Charlton Athletic and Chelsea battling for League honours. At the same time they are playing extremely well and a few slips by Wolves and Sunderland would put them right in the line.

It takes a really top team these days to carry off both these titles. Things were different in the last century (beer was a penny a pint when the Villa scored their double) and competition was nothing like so severe. Some day a team will ever emulate the Villa. After all Arsenal couldn't even in their heyday. Others say it can be done and will be—by the Wolves.—China Mail Special.

## Hashim Makes It Five In A Row

London, Mar. 7.

Hashim Khan of Pakistan won the Professional Squash Championship of the British Isles tonight for the fifth successive time, a record, at the Landdowne Club here. He beat his brother Azam Khan 7-0, 9-0, 9-5, 9-0.

It was the third and final clash between these brilliant squash brothers but unfortunately both were not perfectly fit for the tussle.

Hashim who is 40 and will attempt his fifth successive win in the British Open Championship in the last week of March goes into hospital in the interim for an operation on the corns and blisters which have affected his feet.

Azam had a pain-killing injection for a severe muscle injury two hours before going into the court.

It was Azam who suffered the greater disability after the first two games. He became very lame when holding the ball at 8-5 in the third.

Although Hashim treated his brother gently and practically gave him that game he won the remaining two more comfortably.

James Dear, the English professional also won the title five times but only four times consecutively.—France-Press.

## A WHIRLWIND INNINGS BY FRANK TYSON

Christchurch, New Zealand.

Mar. 7.  
Frank Tyson, the Northamptonshire fast bowler, was today seen in the new role of whirlwind batsman as the MCC scored 302 in reply to Canterbury's first innings of 140.

In 35 minutes he hit 50 and was undefeated with 62 when the MCC innings ended just before lunch. He and Brian Statham (21) added 70 in 40 minutes in a daring last wicket stand.

It was Tyson's highest innings of the tour and included two sixes and nine fours.

Canterbury were without their Test bowler, Anthony MacGibbon, today as he had to remain in bed with an abscess of his right foot. He is now doubtful for the first Test against England on March 11.

At the close of play today Canterbury had made 138 for five in their second innings.—China Mail Special.

## JAMES PARK looks ahead

## MOST HORSES WILL BE WEATHER-BEATEN

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The National Hunt racers will be in better condition

The average person who takes an interest in racing has little or no opportunity of studying training methods. These vary so widely that no hard and fast rules can be laid down. There are gross horses who soon get stuffy inside after a quiet spell, and the lean, clean-winded type, who do not need anything like so strong a preparation.

That is one of the problems each trainer has to find out for himself. It cannot be decided by the horse's appearance. I have known lean and hungry looking ones who still required plenty of work. They may not put on any weight but are liable to get fat inside.

## COMPLETE REST

It should not be thought that as soon as the present wintry spell finishes the average flat-racer will go into fast work straightaway. That would be asking for trouble.

The National Hunt performers are in different horse to do the have been fit enough to run in races and will not lose so much condition as a result of the compulsory lay-off.

When flat racing ended last November the horses were let down and did nothing in the way of active exercise. There were slight variations, such as walking and trotting, with a gentle canter now and again.

## CANTERING

It really could be best described as a complete rest, with a view to building them up for the 1955 campaign.

Those for whom an early campaign had been mapped out would normally start regular cantering by the end of January, and after that there would be half-speed work to get them into a condition which would permit the trainer to step up the tempo when he desired. All such preconceived notions have now been knocked on the head.

With only three weeks to the opening of the flat racing season most of the horses are in the condition one would expect at the end of January. Even those who had done something in the way of preliminary work will have to start all over again.

When there is a break in the weather they will have to do the cantering and the half-speed work before they can be sub-

jected to anything in the way of fast work.

## EXCEPTIONS

In the majority of cases there will not be time to get the horses into the best possible trim for the opening of the season. It is not possible to start from scratch and get a horse fit in three weeks.

I know there are exceptions, but under the prevailing circumstances it can be accepted that there will not be so many thoroughly fit horses at Lincoln and Liverpool as usual.

That is going to make it difficult for the stay-at-home backer. He will not have the guidance of the paddock inspection and the market operations. Those on the spot will have a big advantage and I fancy will find a fair proportion of well-backed horses justifying expectations. There will be the customary upsets brought about by untanned horses proving fitter than was thought.

## FEEDING

The question of feeding may also have something to do with it. Methods vary widely in this respect. There are some who think a horse should be given his full ration in the off season with a view to building him up.

Others take the opposite view and do not think any advantage is to be gained by fattening a horse seeing that it has all got to come off again before he can be in racing condition.

The late Fred Darling was one who did not believe in allowing his horses to look as if they were ready for a fat stock show. They were not put on full rations until they were in strong work, and even then his idea was to have them heavier in their second race of the season than their first.

There will be a lot of guesswork in the early weeks of the flat racing season, if it does not go according to plan. It will be a change to blame the weather rather than the jockeys.

—(London Express Service)



Abraham Lincoln said it was hard work to get a man fit, but easy to keep him fit. With a little intelligent anticipation, it will be found not so difficult to get a man fit if he will follow certain hygienic rules.

The short time spent in acting on the many hints given in these articles and the small expenditure of effort necessary, will mean not only increased fitness, but also a greater degree of comfort.

It would be better for the nation's health if more young people took part in games instead of just watching them. Thousands of people watching a few men play, on a bitterly cold day, may be benefited to the extent of recreation, yet for their side may even do the lungs good, but from the standpoint of bodily health, such a practice is frequently the cause of bad colds and chills.

There are certain simple rules of health which should be studied by everybody whether they indulge in games or not. Physical fitness is just as necessary for a man at work as it is for him at play. That is why I shall include rules which, at first sight, seem to have no connection with sport.

In training, too little attention is paid to internal health and good digestion. The importance of bowel elimination is not stressed. Again and again we read of athletes having to miss important fixtures through digestive troubles. Healthy men should not require purgatives.

hard, strenuous ideas die, and many men still take a weekly purgative under the mistaken notion that such a proceeding is necessary to health.

If, after a match, a man feels tired and exhausted, it may be due, not to the amount of exercise he has taken, but rather to his having unhealthy teeth.

The poison from the mouth affects the muscles. The tired muscles become toxic, and the toxic muscles cause fatigue.

## DAILY EXERCISES

When food is eaten quickly the saliva has not had time to moisten it, and so it is often washed down with mouthfuls of liquid, thus causing flatulence.

The advantage of practising a few exercises every day as an aid to fitness, is now generally recognized by all sportsmen. Athletes in the top class do as much of their training off the field as they do on it.

For men who have not the time to embark on a thorough

course of physical culture, simple exercises are of considerable help in toning up the muscles.

Don't let the start of the training be too violent, or it will mean tired muscles, and to force tired muscles is definitely harmful. If the exercises cause palpitation, you are certainly doing too much.

## WHEN TRAINING

For a training run in the evening, after work, wear a jersey or thick sweater. It is a mistake to run too lightly clad, and it is important that you should not wear a light belt because it restricts breathing. There are some forms of training, such as skipping and breathing exercises, which are of considerable value.

A very good all-round exercise suitable for men who indulge in games is The Indian Sweeping Movement. This must not be confounded with the ordinary press-up exercises which, in comparison, use only a limited number of muscles.

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## Sports Diary

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# TAKE YOUR CUE FROM HORACE LINDRUM

## Doubles Need Plenty Of Practice

Of the many fascinating positions which arise during a frame of snooker, that requiring the use of a double shot is one of the most spectacular. Because of this, it is a popular stroke with all snooker players—although, I'm afraid, many attempt it without fully understanding it. Like all advanced strokes, it has to be thoroughly mastered and the correct approach made at the beginning.

Talking about this very stroke the other evening my opponent said he knew what had to be done but never managed to put his theory into successful practice. He played the shot for me to see. As I expected, his execution was at fault.

He played the stroke with great force, obviously in the hope that, if the first double failed, the ball might cut back again to the middle pocket on the other side. What, in fact, happened was that his forceful action sent the object-ball away in the opposite line to that which was intended.

You will need to learn for yourself the course the ball will take after contact with a cushion. Practise varying the speed of the stroke. When you can gauge the angle correctly, you should be reasonably successful at all your attempts. Remember the natural angle may be affected very slightly by 'spread'—the ball coming away from a cushion at a slightly wider angle than the angle at which it reached the cushion.

Have a mental picture of the line the object-ball will take to

the cushion and from the cushion to the pocket. You should then be able to decide the correct contact to be made on the object-ball.

**MORE DIFFICULT**

The more difficult doubles are those made into the corner pockets, and I strongly advise amateurs to avoid them in important games unless they are very confident of success. At all times the use of the double, which is to some extent a risky shot, should depend on the position of the balls. Always bear in mind the risk you are taking, for a failure may give your opponent a nice position and even a chance to clear the table.

Do not attempt the double when the angle has to be too narrow—for the object-ball would then have to be hit so thickly that a 'kiss' would result. The photograph illustrates a double into the middle right-hand pocket. The cue-ball makes a half-ball contact on to the object-ball with just enough speed to send it into the centre pocket. A little right-hand side on the cue-ball takes me nicely into position for the black.

Practice this and similar positions. Apart from becoming acquainted with this kind of stroke, you will find such practice a great help to you in acquiring cue-ball control.

### COLONY TENNIS

## Tsai Wins First Set, Ip Wins Match

Defending Champion Ip Koon-hung won the Colony Grasscourt Singles Championship for the seventh time, beating his doubles partner, Edwin Tsai, 2-6, 6-1, 6-4, 6-3 in an unimpressive final played at Chater Road yesterday.

Ip, now 34, has been winning the Grasscourt Singles since 1947. With the exception of two years when he was away participating in foreign championships—Shanghai 1948 and Manila 1953—he has always taken the title.

It was a pity that Ip's doubles partner, after a whirlwind once set lead, faded out for lack of stamina for the Champion to score as he pleased.

Tsai's stamina failed him after the 15th game. The gallery, cheering wildly the underdog for every point he scored, suddenly hushed when Ip Koon-hung found his stride to leave Edwin Tsai standing.

The Maestro kept delivering crisp chops and accurate drives and he did it so methodically that before long it was Edwin Tsai at Ip's mercy.

From a 2-1 lead in the second set, Ip took four games in a row to make it one game each.

Surprisingly there was still some fight left in Tsai in the third set when he held the Champion to 3-3 and 4-4 before losing set at 6-4.

**YESTERDAY'S RESULT**  
Singles Final: Ip Koon-hung beat Edwin Tsai 2-6, 6-1, 6-4, 6-3.

**TODAY'S GAME**  
Doubles Final: Ip Koon-hung and Edwin Tsai v. Tsai Yun-pui and Tsai Wai-pui at 4.30 p.m.

## Hongkong Footballer Of The Year

Members of the public are invited to nominate whom they consider to be Hongkong's Footballer of the Year for the current season.

It is a popularity poll organised by the China Mail, and nomination coupons will be received until the closing date to be announced later.

The two qualifications for nomination are:

- (1) Footballing prowess.
- (2) Sportsmanship on the field of play.

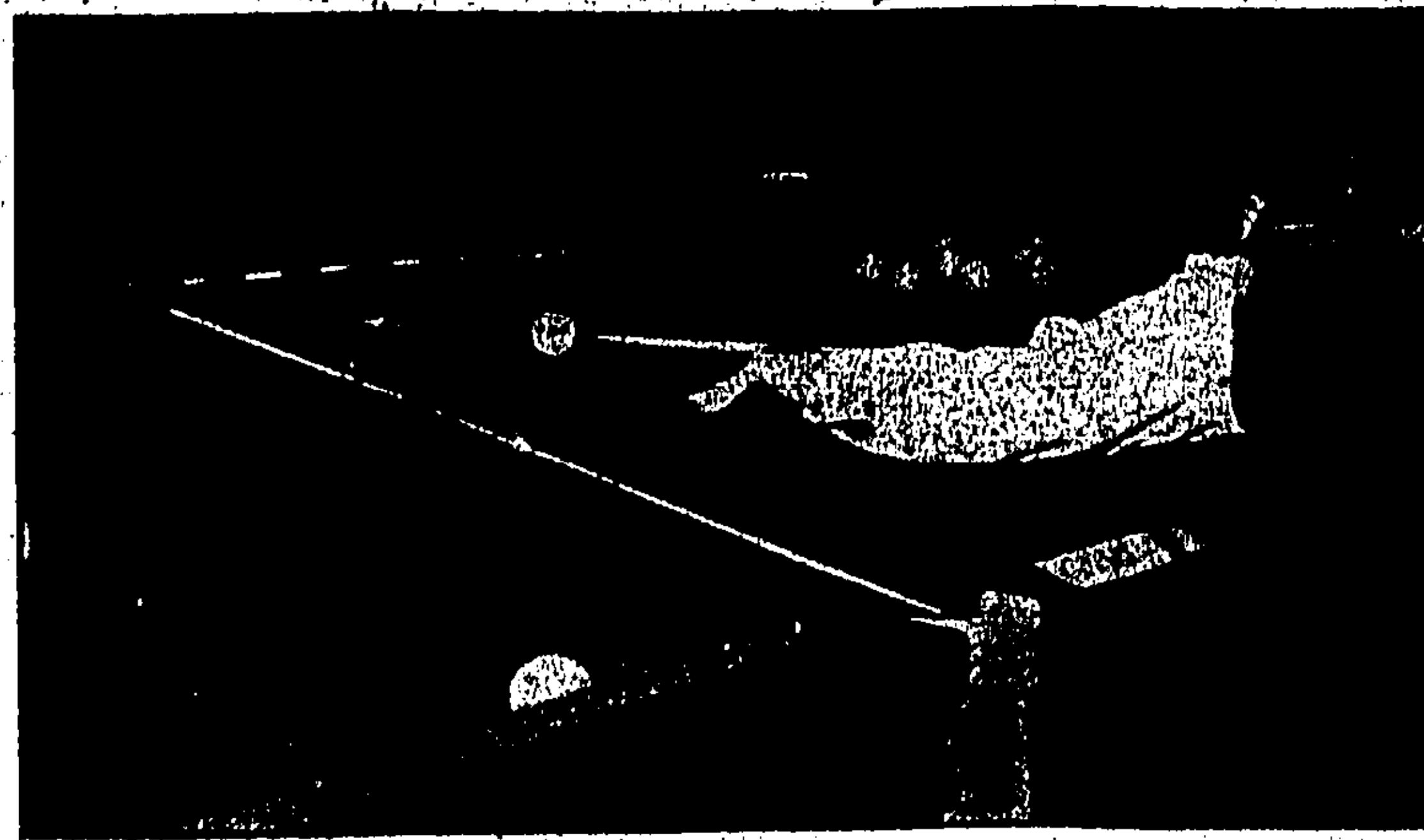
Nominations should be addressed to The Editor, China Mail, Wyndham Street, Hongkong.

To The Editor, China Mail.

My nomination for Hongkong's Footballer of the Year, taking into regard his playing ability and his sportsmanship on the field of play is

of the ..... Club.

(Signed).....



Horace Lindrum demonstrates the "Double."

## Tamar Termagents Bring Off The Biggest Upset Of The Seven-a-Sides FIJIAN IN ACTION TODAY

By "PAK LO"

Yesterday evening there was little question which game in the Seven-a-Sides caused the biggest upset of the series so far. In the final match of the evening Tamar Termagents, classed by all critics including myself as almost certain to lose, not only held one of the favourites for the semi-final, but beat them by a penalty goal (3 points) to nil.

The first half was scoreless with, if anything, the 1st Kings Own "A" slightly on top, but in the second half the Navy were always on the attack and fully deserved their win.

Fleet and Annandale were the architects of this victory. It was extremely hard to believe that this team was the same as the one which so narrowly scraped through against 48 Club "A" in the previous round.

72 LAA were also seen in action for the first time, and look on yesterday night's form, the probable winners. Colling, Brentford, and Thomas were outstanding, but they led individual attacks, and the team as a whole never played as a team.

Despite this they played attractive rugby and should find themselves against Wayfong in the quarter-finals. The latter team also improved with the three looking much happier than they did in their previous rounds.

The closest game was that between H.K. Signals and Tamar Termages which the former won by one try (3 points) to nil in one of the fastest games of the night.

Here are the results of yesterday evening's play:  
Condamine "A", walkover;  
Tamar Termages 10, Condamine "B" 0;  
Police "A", walkover;  
Police "A" 5, 42 Fld "A" 8;  
Far East Farm "A" 10, Club "A" 6;  
1st Kings Own "B" 0, 27th HAA "A" 14;  
15 Fld Park Sqdn 8, 14th Fld 5;  
Condamine "A" 0, Wayfong 9;  
Ewo 0, 25th Fld "B" 11;  
72 LAA "A" 21, Tamar Tites 0;  
H.K. Signals 3, Tamar Termages 0;  
RAF Mount Davis 0, FMA, RE 0;  
6 COD "A" 9, Far East Farm "B" 0;  
Tamar Termages 3, 1st Kings Own "A" 0.

The game between 48 Club "A" and REME Wasp, and the third round game between Damper "A" and 25th Fld "A" will be played off during the week.

### Mixed Pairs Bridge Tourney On Wednesday

The Mixed Pairs Championship tournament of the Hongkong Contract Bridge Association will be held on Wednesday, March 23, at 8.30 p.m. at the Jewish Recreation Club, it was announced yesterday.

The closing date for entries will be Saturday, March 19. Entries may be sent to the Hon. Treasurer, Mr. R. E. Deal, 803 Union Building, Tel. 30991.

The closing date for entries for the Open Team of Four Championship tournament will be Saturday, March 26, and the contest will commence the following week.

**TEAM OF EIGHT**  
Results of the Team of Eight Bridge Tournament played off at the Club last night are as follows:  
Club Lantano beat Jewish Recreation Club, 22-21. Under-18s beat S.A.T. Little Belvedere, 12-9.

### TODAY'S MATCH

This evening the Fijian Regiment will be seen in action against a Combined Civilians XV on the Club ground at Happy Valley at 8 p.m. The game will therefore be held under floodlighting.

The Civilians have had to make a few changes from the team originally published. Kerr has had to drop out for personal reasons, and Farquharson will take his place.

Talamo is still on the sick list, despite hopes that he would be fit for today's game, and Penman moves up to take his place as wing forward. This is Penman's proper position and he should show to more effect than he has of late.

A newcomer will be seen in the fly half position which Penman vacates. This is O'Kelly, who usually plays in this position, and it is hoped he will strengthen the side.

Petrie has been selected as full back, but he will have to play as he never has before if he is going to stop the onslaught of the Fijians.

The back line has plenty of speed but the passing is suspect and one loss will be quickly snapped up by the Fijians and turned to good advantage.

The Fijians will once again be using the long throw in technique which has proved so successful in the past. The Fijian halves are both fast movers, but in comparison with their own three they will appear slow.

One of the three is expected to be Levulu, a sprinter who has done the 100 yards in 9.7 secs., and the other outstanding man will be Naliole who is an outstanding quarter-miler.

Rodrodro will again be the place kicker, and he is a dangerous man both at kicking and in the loose. The Fijian pack will go down 3-4-1, while the Civilians are expected to pack 3-2-3.

### SEVEN CHANGES

The Fijian team will show at least seven changes from that which was here last year, but despite this they should win by about twenty points.

Despite the large score expected against them, the Civilians, while beaten, should not be disgraced and if Marsh gets the chance he will surprise some of the Fijians.

One thing that can be stated without fear of contradiction is that the Fijians will be very much fitter than the Civilians and they should win the score in the last fifteen minutes.

The Combined Civilians team will be:  
Pettie, Spencer, Marsh, Scott, Kilvert, O'Kelly, Cole, Dunn, Clive, v. Russell, Clark, Harris, Groves, Farquharson, Baylis, Shaw, Penman, Sever, and Gledhill.  
The Fijians seven-a-side I have listed, unless I receive news that all seven MUST

provide their own touch judge, and not rely on the kindness of spectators.

### 18 YEARS LATER AND COCKELL THIS TIME

London, Mar. 8.

Don Cockell, British Heavyweight Boxing Champion who meets Rocky Marciano for the world title in San Francisco in May, will be the first British boxer to fight for this title since Tommy Farr was narrowly outpointed by Joe Louis in 1937.

But for the last British boxer to hold the Heavyweight Championship, one has to go back to 1899. Bob Fitzsimmons, of Cornwall, won the title in 1897 from "Gentleman" Jim Corbett and lost it two years later when knocked out by Jim Jeffries.

In 1902 Fitzsimmons had another title fight with Jeffries and again was knocked out.

Cockell, who was 20 last September, began his professional career in 1946 and won his first Championship in October 1950, when he knocked out Mark Hart in the 14th round in London in a contest for the vacant British Light-Heavyweight title.

He has lost 11 of his 74 professional contests and drawn one. But most of his setbacks came early in his career.

In March, 1951, Cockell won the vacant European Light Heavyweight title when he

referee stopped his fight with Albert Vél of France in the sixth round.

Increasing weight troubled Cockell and he was knocked out in 11 rounds by Randolph Turpin in June 1952 in a match for the British and Empire Light Heavyweight titles.

Cockell relinquished the European crown.

**UNBEATEN AS A HEAVY**

After his defeat by Turpin, Cockell moved into Heavyweight ranks, where he is unbeaten. He stopped Paddy Slavin, Frank Bell and Tommy Farr inside the distance and in May 1953 outpointed Johnny Williams for the British and Empire Heavyweight titles.

Since then, he has scored three victories over Harry Matthews (United States); successfully defended his Empire title against Johnny Arthur (South Africa); and defeated Roland La Sterza (United States). His only other Heavyweight fight ended in a points win over Uber Bacilleri of Italy.

Matthews, who earlier had fought Marciano, described Cockell as "A tough, rugged, fighter who punches just as hard as Marciano, and is quicker."

Cockell will train in England for the next few weeks and will then leave for the United States, where he will continue his preparation for the title fight which is to be held in the week beginning May 15.

Marciano, born Rocky Marciano in 1924, is one of the hardest punchers in boxing. He won the heavyweight crown from Jersey Joe Walcott in September 1952, and has defended it four times. He is undefeated in 47 professional fights and has won 41 of them by knock-out.

## Saturday's Home Soccer Fixtures

The draw for the Sixth Round (Quarter-finals) of the English FA Cup resulted in the following ties, which are to be played off on Saturday, March 12:

Huddersfield v Newcastle.  
Notre County v York City.  
Birmingham v Manchester C.  
Sunderland v Wolves.  
Matches will be played on the grounds of the first named teams.

### LEAGUE FIXTURES

The following are the Home soccer fixtures for Saturday, Mar. 12.

**Division I**  
Aston Villa v Sheffield W.  
Cardiff v Charlton A.  
Derby v Blackpool.  
Leicester v Portsmouth.  
Preston v Spurs.

**Division II**  
Bury v Liverpool.  
Hull v Swansea.  
Ipswich v Port Vale.  
Leeds v Bristol R.  
Luton v Fulham.  
Middlesbrough v Derby.  
Forest v Plymouth.  
Sheff Wed v Brighton.  
Stoke v West Ham.

**Division III (South)**  
Brentford v Norwich.  
Brighton v Southampton.  
Gillingham v Swindon.  
Oxford v Reading.  
Oxford Utd v Grimsby.  
Reading v Northampton.  
Sheff Wed v Exeter.  
Torquay v Aldershot.  
Walsall v Crystal Pal.

**Division III (North)**  
Accrington v Bradford.  
Barnsley v Stockport.  
Barnsley v Carlisle.  
Bradford C. v Hartlepool.  
Hull v Grimsby.  
Mansfield v Grimsby.  
Oxford v Grimsby.  
Sheff Wed v Grimsby.  
Southport v Grimsby.  
Wrexham v Grimsby.

**Scottish League "A"**  
Dundee v Partick.  
East Fife v Motherwell.  
Fife v Aberdeen.  
Kilmarnock v Falkirk.  
Queen of South v St. Mirren.  
Stirling v St. Mirren.

**Scottish League "B"**  
Aberdeen v Partick.  
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**Colony Marksmen Place Fourth In NRA Rifle Shoot**

London, Mar. 7.  
Hongkong finished fourth with 985 points in the Empire Day Challenge Cup Rifle Shooting Competition, the National Rifle Association, which organized the event, announced here today.

The Singapore team of servicemen, captained by Major J.A. Halsey, were runners-up with 988 points.

The winners were Kenya with 1,055 points.

Eleven teams competed. Hong Kong's captain, Capt. Cecil W. Halsey, was runner-up with 985 points and the Federation of Malaya, with 887.

Hongkong, captained by Wong Hor, were sixth in the Duke of Gloucester's Challenge Cup rifle shooting match with 1,000 points. The team was composed of: Wong Hor, 1,000 points; Wong Hor, 1,000 points; Wong Hor, 1,000 points; Wong Hor, 1,000 points; Wong Hor, 1,000 points; Wong Hor, 1,000 points; Wong Hor, 1,000 points; Wong Hor, 1,000 points; Wong Hor, 1,000 points; Wong Hor, 1,000 points.

**COMB. SERVICES VICTORY SHIELD TEAM SELECTED**

The following have been selected to represent the Combined Services against the Combined Chinese in the first round of the Victory Shield competition to be played under floodlight at the Club ground tomorrow night at 8.30 p.m.

Payne (Navy), Bird (Navy), Hayes (Army), Higgins (Army), Neil (Navy), Toth (RAF), Capt. Osborne (Army), Murray (Army), Morris (Army), Clarke (RAF), Wakelam (Army), Rawson (Army), Fowler (Army), Groomer (Army), Norris (Army), Farnsworth (Army).

Team Manager: C.F.O. Bennett, R. Navy.



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## Hong Kong Birds

Herklots, G. A. C. 1953  
 Hong Kong Birds. 1p. 233, 11 plates in colour, numerous black-and-white drawings in text. Hong Kong: South China Morning Post, Ltd. HK\$35.00.

A most welcome handbook for ornithologists resident or stationed in Hong Kong. All the hitherto recorded species are included; plumages are clearly and concisely described, and a short account is given of field characters, voice, habits, status, etc. The illustrations, except for three plates of photographs, are all by Cdr. A. M. Hughes, and include four attractive plates of the heads of 42 species and many useful drawings in the text. The writer of this review would have benefited greatly from this book when stationed in Hong Kong some years ago. Even now, on referring to it, some 40 unfamiliar species on which notes were made at the time have almost all proved easily identifiable. — D. W. S.

(Extract from "The Ibis" official organ of the British Ornithologists' Union, British Museum).

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Notice to Shareholders  
**THE HONGKONG AND YAUMATI FERRY COMPANY LIMITED.**

Notice is hereby given that the Twenty-Seventh Ordinary Annual Meeting of the Company will be held at the Company's Office, Jordan Road Ferry Pier, Kowloon, on Saturday the 2nd April, 1955, at 12.00 noon for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors and Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31st December, 1954, to declare Dividends, to elect Directors and to appoint Auditors.

Notice is also given that the Share Register of the Company will be closed from the 21st March, to the 2nd April, 1955, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board,  
 LAU TAK PO,  
 Managing Director.

Hongkong, 3rd March, 1955.

### NOTICE

**THE HONGKONG AND YAUMATI FERRY COMPANY LIMITED.**

Notice to Shareholders  
 Extraordinary General Meeting

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that an Extraordinary General Meeting of The Hongkong & Yaumati Ferry Company, Limited, will be held at the Company's Offices, Jordan Road Ferry Pier, Kowloon on Saturday the 2nd day of April, 1955, at 12.30 p.m. (or as soon thereafter as the Ordinary Annual Meeting to be held at Noon on that date shall have concluded) for the purpose of considering, and if thought fit, passing the following Resolution as an Ordinary Resolution:—

"That it is desirable to capitalise the sum of \$1,680,000.00 being part of the undivided profits of the Company standing at the credit of the Company's Reserve Fund and accordingly that a special Capital Bonus of \$1,680,000.00 be declared and that such bonus be applied on behalf of the persons who on the 2nd day of April, 1955, were the holders of the 336,000 issued shares of the Company in payment in full for 168,000 unissued ordinary shares credited as fully paid be accordingly allotted to such persons in the proportion of one such ordinary share for every two of the said 336,000 issued shares then held by such persons respectively, and that the shares so allotted shall be treated for all purposes as an increase of the nominal amount of the Capital of the Company held by each such shareholder and not as income, and that such shares shall rank for dividend from the 1st January, 1955, and that no fractional certificates shall be issued but that shares representing fractions shall be allotted to a trustee to be nominated by the Directors upon trust for sale on such conditions as they consider expedient, and the net proceeds of sale shall be distributed proportionately amongst those members who would otherwise be entitled to such fractions and in satisfaction thereof."

By Order of the Board,  
 LAU TAK PO,  
 Managing Director.

Hongkong, 3rd March, 1955.

## ALBANIA REJECTS FOOD OFFER

Washington, Mar. 7.  
 The White House today had "no comment" on Communist Albania's rejection of a United States offer of food to the famine-stricken country.

The Press Secretary, Mr. James Hagerly, said the White House and the State Department would await a full report on the Communist rejection before having anything to say on the subject.

The United States last week offered about \$1,000,000 worth of food to the Albanian people because of the current famine there. It was to have been distributed through the Red Cross.

The offer was similar to the one made to and accepted by Communist countries in the wake of a Danube River flood last year.—United Press.

## Snow Disrupts Europe

London, Mar. 7.  
 Snowfalls disrupted communications in many areas of Europe today as winter returned to drive out the spring sunshine and blue skies of the past week.

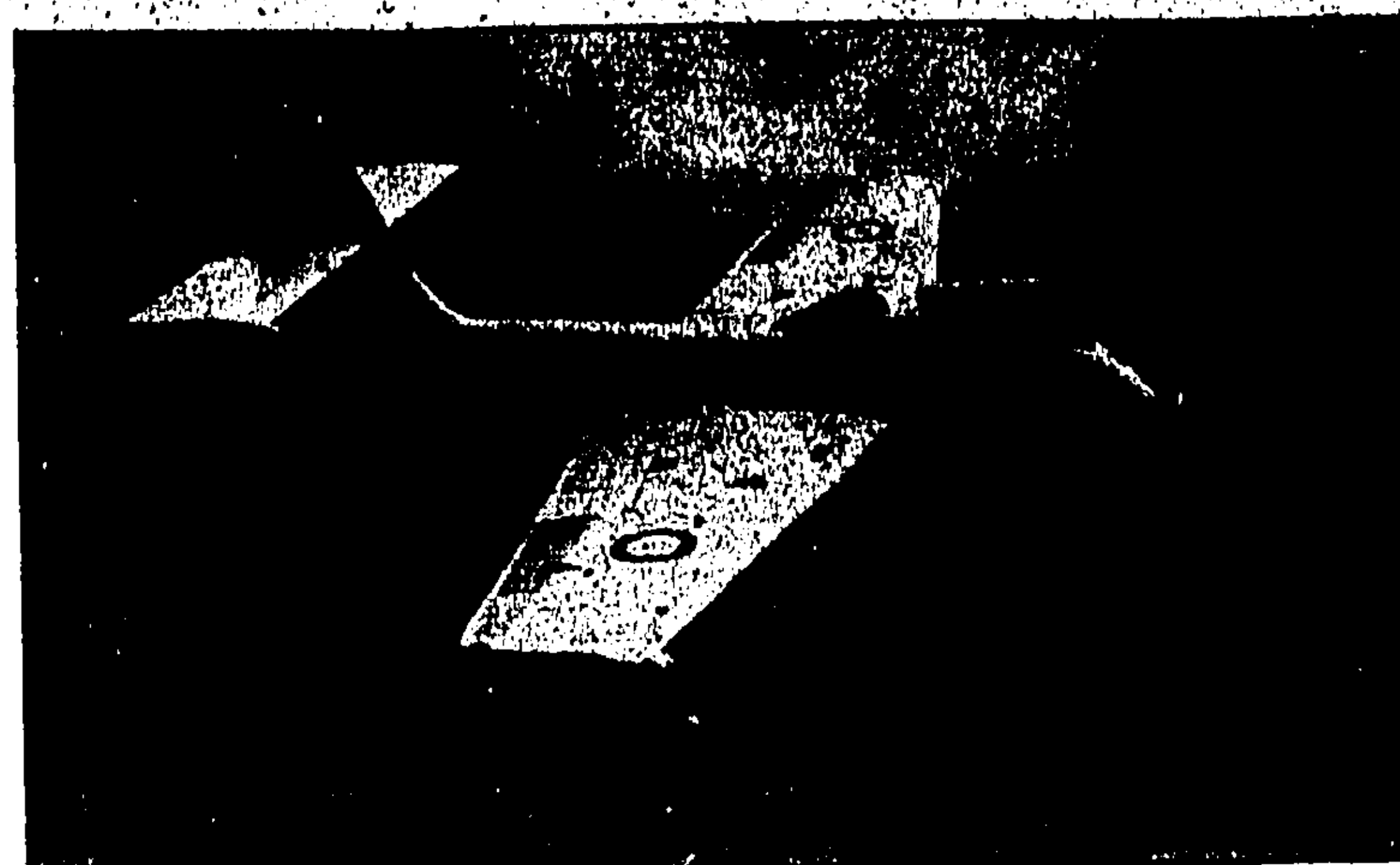
Yugoslavia reported snowdrifts up to ten feet deep in Slovenia. Snow swept across France in the wake of four cold but sunny days. Snowfalls also disrupted road and rail traffic in Belgium.

Winter sports enthusiasts revelled in fresh snowfalls in Austria.

Cold air covered the eastern third of the United States today dropping temperatures by 30 degrees in the south.

Snow in Maine helped the crew of the 70-engined B-36 bomber which crashedlanded near the town of Limestone last night. It dumped down a fire in the plane long enough to enable the airmen to scramble to safety. —Reuter.

## Has Varied Armament



## Dock Strikers Stone Club In Mombasa

Mombasa, Mar. 7.  
 Two hundred striking African dock workers stoned the exclusive European Mombasa Club here today.

European cars were stoned in African areas of the town. The strikers also stopped buses and forced passengers to leave.

Police reinforcements were called out. Two companies of the Royal Irish Constabulary are leaving Nairobi by train tonight for Mombasa.

(Reports from Nairobi said extra police are also being drafted to the port).

One policeman was slightly injured in today's stoning. Twenty-five arrests were made.

About 10,000 Africans are taking part in an unofficial strike paralysing the dock.—China Mail Special.

# Coastal Command Picks

## The Seamew ANTI-SUB DEFENCE MOST IMPORTANT

A significant announcement in the British Government's White Paper on Defence disclosed that the Short Seamew anti-submarine aircraft is to go into service with Coastal Command of the Royal Air Force, as well as the Royal Navy.

The announcement emphasises the importance of anti-submarine defence at a time when potential enemy submarine fleets are larger and better-equipped than ever before.

The Seamew is also capable of performing efficiently a number of other roles at low cost, including close reconnaissance, coastal defence, communications, survey and gunnery spotting duties.

Seamews can be operated from beaches and golf courses as well as aircraft carriers. They do not need a vulnerable aerodrome with concrete runways, and the modification required for the purpose is simple—low-pressure, large tyres are fitted, which prevent the aircraft sinking into a soft surface.

**TACTICAL ADVANTAGE**  
 A tactical advantage derived from the Seamew's low wing-loading is its ability to turn in an unusually tight circle round a submarine after contact has been made. Consequently, an attack can follow before the submarine has time to dive.

The Seamew's armament is varied in the extreme. It can carry torpedoes, mines, bombs, sonobuoys, or rockets.

An announcement that long-range Bristol Britannias have been ordered for troop duties has been followed only a week later by approval for their future use on the blue ribbon route of civil aviation—London to New York non-stop.

The British Overseas Airways Corporation will operate a fleet of ten Britannia 300 LRs.

aircraft over the route, in addition to 23 medium-range Britannias on other services. The 300 LR Britannias will be available for service in 1957, able to carry more than 80 passengers over the Atlantic at a time.

Unlike most long-range aircraft, the 300 LR is also suitable for economic operations on much shorter routes. Over distances of as little as 600 miles, the long-range Britannia will be profitable for its operator, and its flexibility is shown by the fact that it will also operate economically between London and New York—3,500 miles.

**PROTEUS ENGINE**  
 Trans-Atlantic Britannias will be powered by four Proteus turboprop engines giving more than 4,000 horse-power, each—ten per cent more than the engines in the Britannias now flying.

A helical reduction gearing will make the engines even more quiet and smooth than the earlier engines which had straight spur gearing.

These turboprop engines will give the Britannias substantial advantages in terms of cost and payload on the trans-Atlantic route, over contemporary piston-engined aircraft.

In a year of flying operations, assuming the same utilisation rate for both types, a fleet of ten Britannias will do the work of fourteen of the best piston-engined aircraft which will then be available.

Looking still further ahead, BOAC has ordered 60 Bristol BE25 constant-power engines, for eventual installation in Britannias, replacing the present engines.

The BE25 will be ready for service in about 1959, and it will be suitably modified for the first time this year.

To reduce development time, use will be made of the standard Proteus propeller and reduction gearing.

The introduction of the BE25 will mark an important advance in air transport; the engine will be unique in providing constant power (4,000 h.p. from sea-level up to cruising height, so that airfield altitudes will be no problem for the future Britannias.

But the most startling feature of the engine will be its fuel consumption, which will be so low as to compete even with a diesel in economy.

**"TWO-SPOOL" ENGINE**  
 The BE25 is a "two-spool" engine, in that it comprises two separate systems—one for high-pressure and one for low-pressure operation.

The high-pressure system is the gas-producer, the "boiler" for the engine. It consists of a high-pressure compressor, combustion chambers and a high-pressure turbine which ejects a high-speed stream of gases which drive the low-pressure turbine. This turbine is linked by a shaft to the low-pressure compressor which supercharges the high-pressure compressor.

The low-pressure turbine also drives the reduction gear and propeller.

There is no mechanical coupling between the high-pressure and low-pressure systems. They are linked only by the gas stream, and consequently each can be operated at its maximum efficiency.

The fuel economy and power of the BE25 will further improve the range and speed of the trans-Atlantic Britannias, ensuring that the first British aircraft on the route will also be one of the best for many years after its introduction into service.

## The Short Seamew which has been selected by the RAF Coastal Command as well as the Royal Navy. The announcement was made in the recent White Paper on Defence.

## Serious Gap In African Defence

Capetown, Mar. 7.  
 Britain is considering a South African proposal for an anti-Communist defence organisation in Africa, south of the Sahara, Mr. Francois Erasmus, South African Defence Minister, said today.

He told the Senate, the Upper House of Parliament, that no understanding on such an organisation had so far been reached with any country, but he had discussed it with British Ministers, pointing out that there was a serious gap in the West's defence network.

"I am pleased to say that the proposal is being considered by Britain and I hope there will be an opportunity to approach the various governments concerned for their official attitude," he said.—Reuter.

## Mine Sweepers For Japan

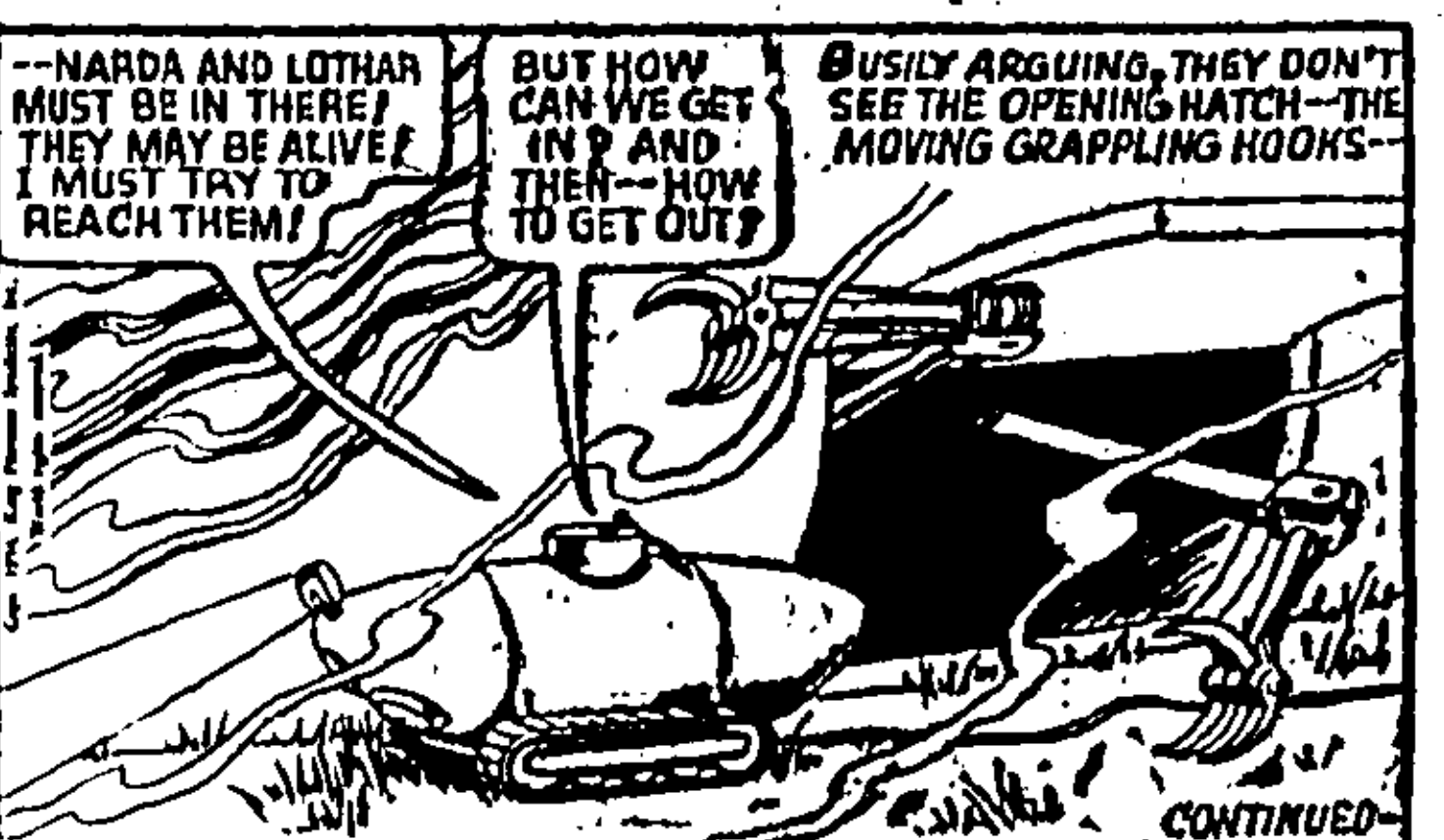
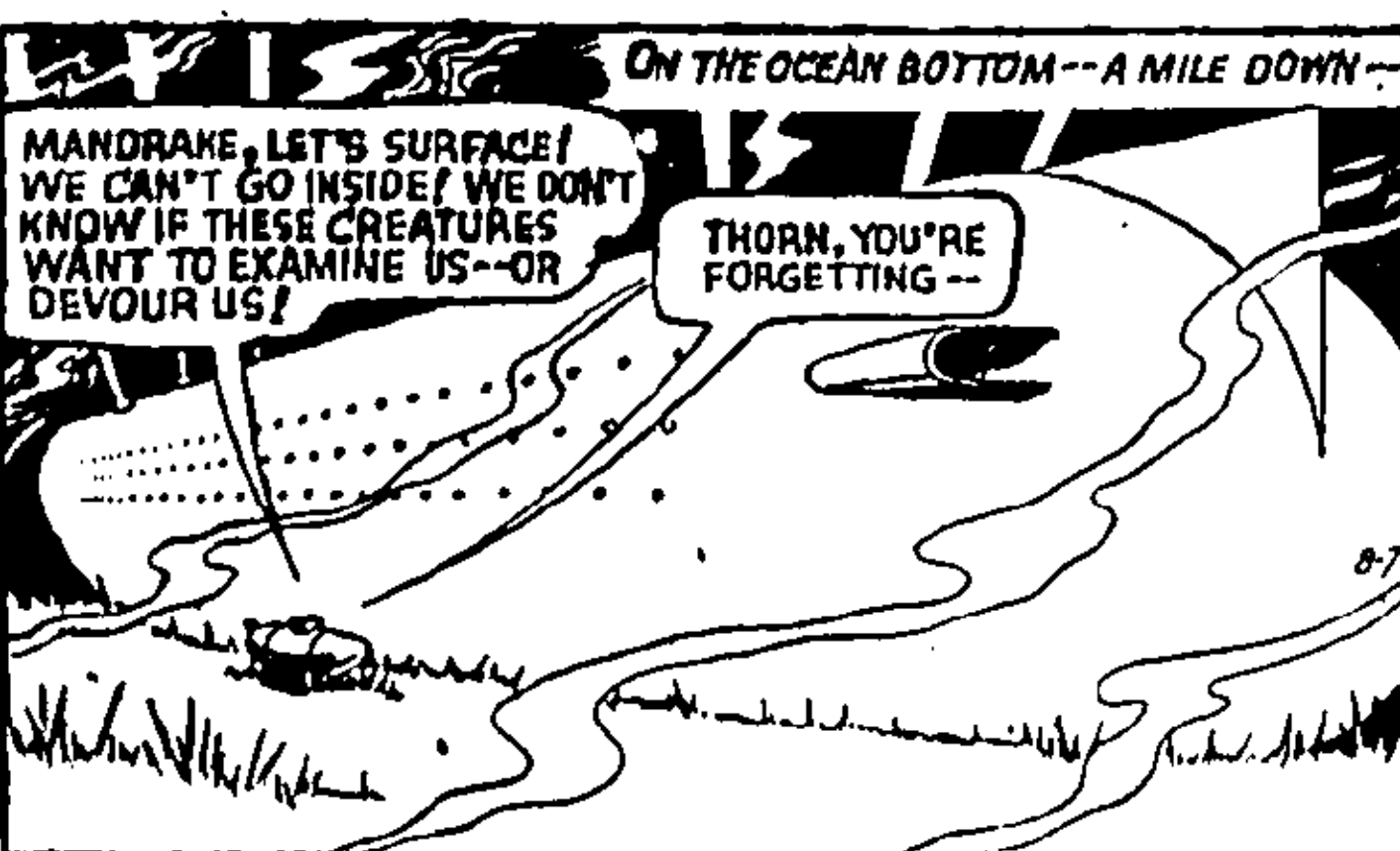
Tokyo, Mar. 7.  
 The US Navy today said it would transfer seven 300-ton wooden-hulled minesweepers to the Japanese Navy as part of the mutual defence assistance programme.

The 136-foot long vessels are the Condor, Firecrest, Heron, Osprey, Pelican, Swallow and Chatterer. Some of the ships saw extensive action during the Korean war.

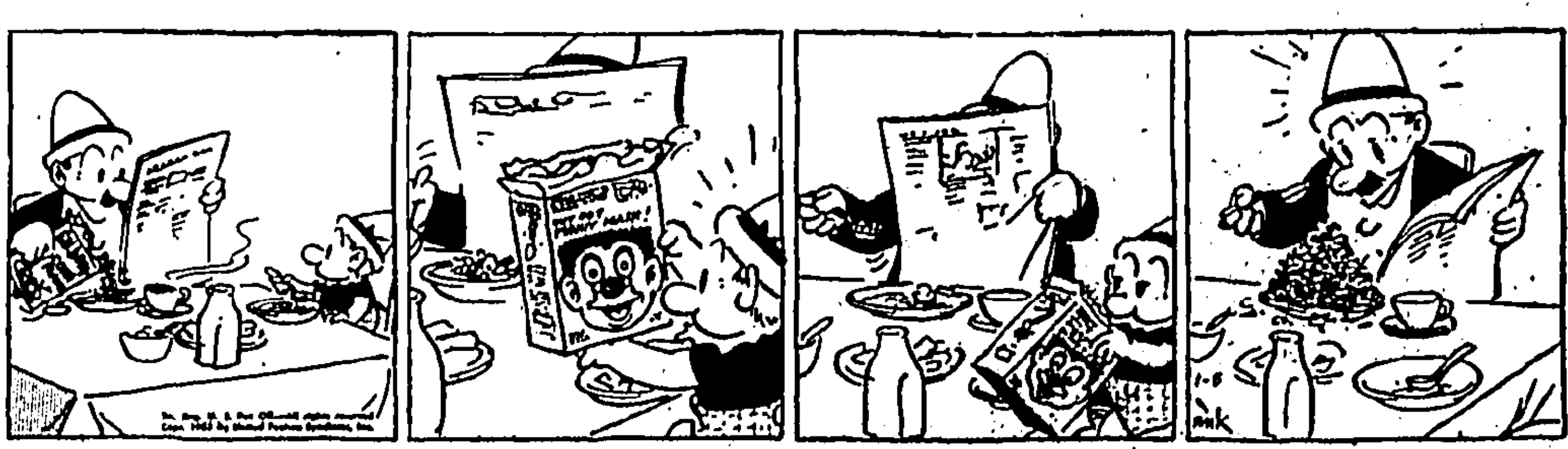
Four of the ships will be delivered about March 20 at Sasebo.

The Navy said that the three others will be turned over to Japan on April 16 at Sasebo.—United Press.

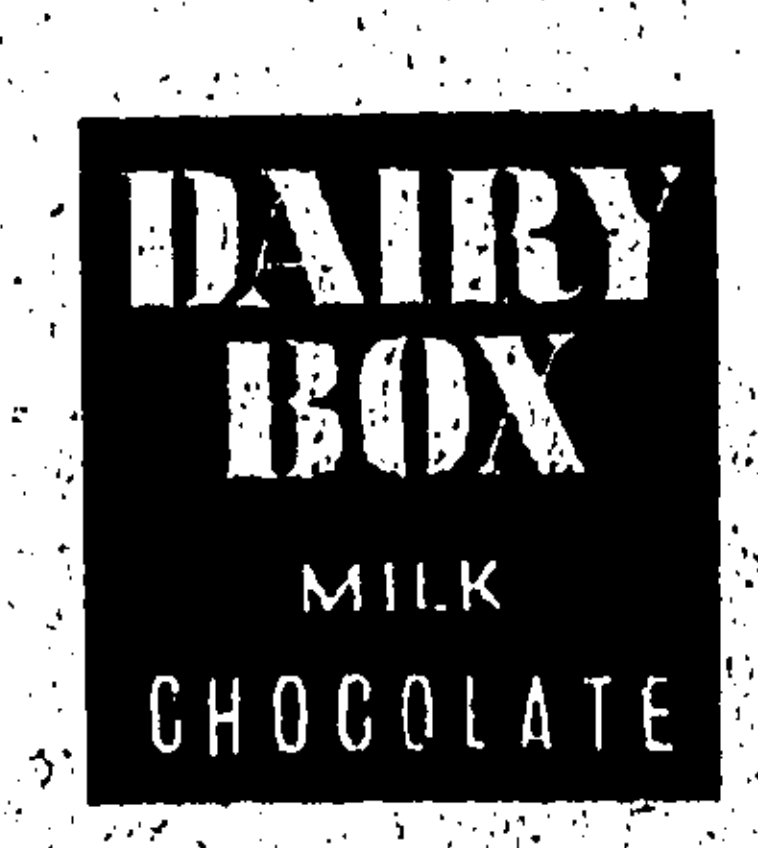
## MANDRAKE THE MAGICIAN



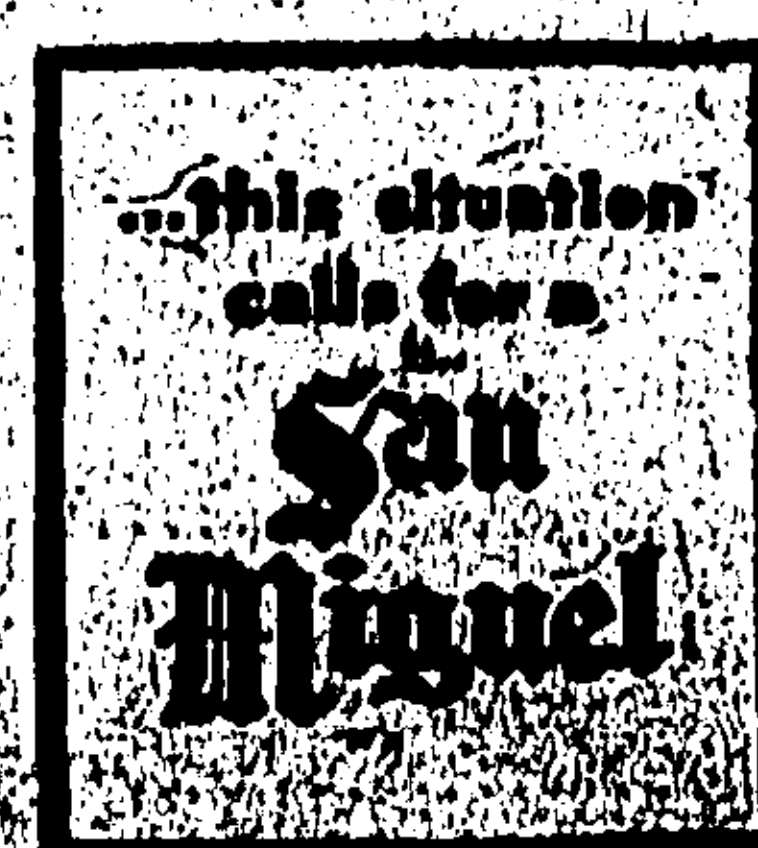
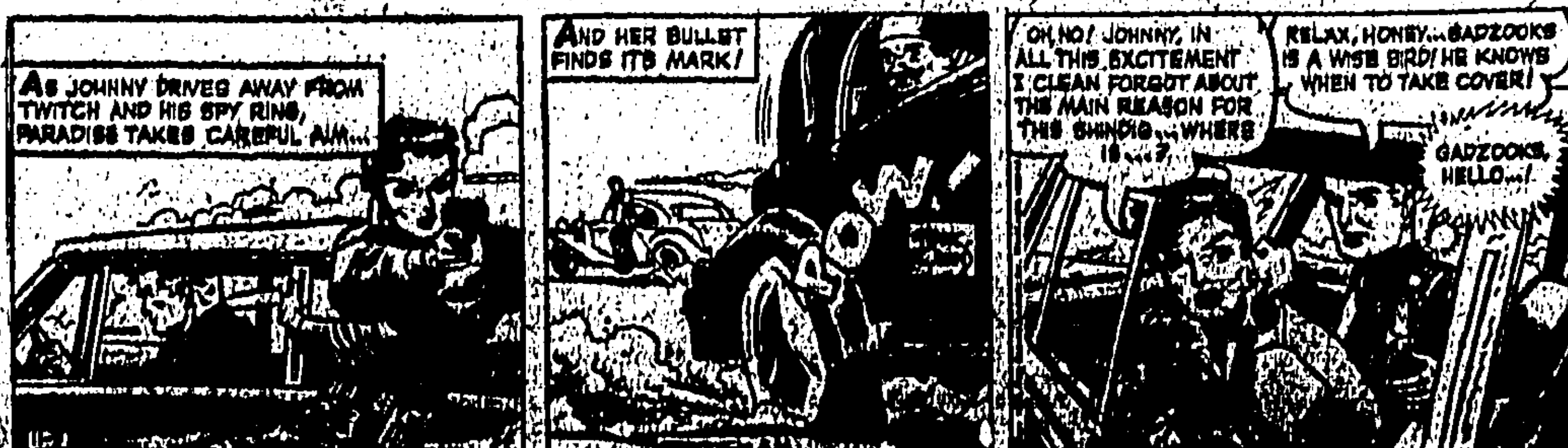
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## JOHN CLARKE'S CASEBOOK

### Stokehold Protocol

DOWN in the stokehold of the big block of flats, protocol was as rigid as it is backstairs in an embassy. The number one stoker, going off duty, received the wages of his number two and placed them as he always did, in a box in a cubby hole, to await collection.

No one but an outsider would have sought for or found a flaw in the arrangement. Unfortunately, there was an outsider around. A raw assistant stoker, with no sort of status, a nonentity named Ali who had just been taken on.

"Tell Mr. So-and-So I've left his money where I always do," the senior stoker said to Ali as he went away.

**BROODING**  
"YES, sir," Ali said humbly. There was something of the East about his looks as there was about his tone. But more quickly than you noticed that you noticed the look in his eyes—a look of ineffable self-pity.

The senior stoker went away, and Ali had the stokehold to himself. He fell to brooding upon his misfortune, he felt to thinking also about the No. 2 stoker's pay that was lying in the cubby hole.

The two chains of thought met and clashed. Ali helped himself to the other man's wages. Then he put on his coat and strode away from the furnace he should have been keeping.

**BROUGHT BACK**  
His memories of what happened next are confused. Certain he went to Paddington, he thought, with an idea of getting to South Wales. But he ended up in Liverpool. In hospital there they were kind to him and saw him on his way to Glamorgan-shire. It was in that county that the police from London caught up with him.

All was brought back to London, and at Bow Street he pleaded not guilty to stealing the number one stoker's wage packet. The police read out to the magistrate Mr. E. G. Robey, a statement Ali had made.

He said in it: "On that day I fell depressed, and when I drop dead, I spent my own money on getting my watch out of pawn, so I needed money to go to Cardiff."

## Migrants Kept In Ship's Holds

Ottawa, Mar. 7. The Immigration Minister, Mr. J. W. Pickersgill, said today that his Department would take action against shipping companies found guilty of having subjected immigrants to poor conditions during their voyage to Canada.

Mr. Pickersgill made the statement as he disclosed the "quite shocking" contents of a letter in which it was charged that a large group of German immigrants suffered intolerable conditions as they crossed the Atlantic to this country in August 1948.

Mr. Pickersgill told members of the Commons Committee on Estimates that the letter was from one of the immigrants who settled with his wife and family in Ontario. He declined to identify the writer.

The immigrant recounted a stormy crossing on the ss Beaverbrae, which had made the Eastward trip carrying grain in its holds. The men had to sleep in one large hold and the women and children in several smaller holds. The immigrant letter-writer was accompanied by his wife and a new baby.

**MADE TO WORK**  
Many of the passengers became sick. Certain crew members made the immigrants clean up the decks and holds before permitting them to eat. The immigrant said that his wife, although she had to take care of their new baby, was forced to "clean up a toilet several times."

The writer said they were told that if they did not obey the captain's orders "the captain has the power to send you back to Germany." No one got a meal ticket unless he or she worked, despite the fact that all had paid for their passage.

Mr. Pickersgill said the contents of the letter were "quite shocking" and added that he and his departmental officers would be glad to hear of any similar episodes so that action could be taken against the shipping companies.

He pointed out that in 1948 "shipping was very short" and the companies could get away with this sort of thing. The Beaverbrae was "one of the ships we have had complaints about."

It was also explained that immigrants had the right to select the ship in which they wanted to travel.—United Press.

## Successful Operation

Kuala Lumpur, Mar. 7. The first official report on "Operation Latimer," launched last December against terrorist bands led by Malaysia's third ranking Communist, said today that eight terrorists were killed and 100 suspected agents arrested in the drive.

Intelligence sources said the operation was "the most efficient thrust of its kind in Malaya, with the primary aim of cutting terrorist supply lines."

## Grim Weather In Northern England



## Judge's Comment On "Cowardly Crime"

"This crime is a cowardly type of crime, too common in Hongkong, where a number of men get together and rob a female on a staircase," declared Mr Justice T. J. Gould, sitting in the Full Court with Mr Justice C. W. Reece this morning, when he dismissed an appeal by Tai Chun-toh against a sentence of five years' hard labour and six strokes of the cane, passed on him by Judge Charles in the Kowloon District Court for robbery with aggravation.

Appellant first said the evidence leading to his conviction was flimsy, but the Full Court pointed out that he was not appealing against conviction but only against sentence. Appellant then went on to say he was born in Hongkong, had been educated in a Government school here, and was a former employee of the Kowloon-Canton Railway. He further pleaded that the offence was his first.

He also told the Court he had two children in school and said a long imprisonment would cause them suffering. He asked for a reduction of sentence. The Full Court said it saw no reason to interfere with the sentence and disallowed the appeal.

Leung Cheung, alias Ko Teai, appealed against his sentence of two years' hard labour and eight strokes of the cane passed on him for wounding with intent to cause grievous bodily harm. Appellant declared the complainant had attacked him first and he also denied he had struck at complainant from behind.

Mr Justice Gould remarked that even if there was provocation, it was insufficient to justify an attack with a chopper. Appellant he observed, had inflicted six wounds on the complainant.

Dismissing the appeal, the Full Court held that the sentence passed was, if anything, on the lenient side.

## Woman Charged With Cruelty

London, Mar. 7. Mrs. Jeanie Mathieson was accused in court at Ayr, Scotland, today of keeping her 52-year-old brother locked up, almost naked in a filthy unheated room of her house for four years.

The prosecution said he was without suitable bedding or clothing during this time and the room became offensive and squalid.

## Hongkong Electric Annual Meeting: Dividend Approved

A final dividend of \$1.55 per share, free of tax, following an interim dividend of 70 cents per share which was paid on September 17 last year, was approved at the sixty-second annual meeting of the Hongkong Electric Company Ltd. held at the P & O Building this morning.

Mr B. T. Flanagan, Chairman of Directors, presided, and addressing the meeting said: "The Chairman's statement to shareholders has this year been incorporated with the Directors' report and accounts, and was circulated to members with the notice for this meeting."

"An interim dividend of 70c per share, free of tax, was paid on September 17, 1954 and your Directors now recommend the following Appropriations:—  
"To pay a final dividend of \$1.55 per share, free of tax, costing \$4,425,000.00; To transfer to General Reserve \$2,500,000.00; To carry forward to 1955 the balance of \$920,465.81."

"I now have the pleasure in proposing that the report and accounts as presented for the year ended December 31, 1954 be adopted."

**WELCOMES INNOVATION**  
Mr. Bannan Tong, in seconding the proposal, said: "I am glad to welcome the innovation on the part of Directors in giving shareholders an opportunity to study the Chairman's statement to shareholders, and the Directors' report and accounts by incorporating these with the notice sent to shareholders before the meeting."

"I am sure that all shareholders would join with me in congratulating the Board of Directors and the management and staff on the excellent showing they have made."

"In doing so I do not forget the excellent service which Messrs. Gibb, Livingston & Co. Ltd. have rendered to the Company during the first sixty-two years of the history of this Undertaking."

"Consumers have received the benefit of a reduction in the Lighting rate of 1 cent per unit from April 1 last year. It is a creditable achievement that rates are only double the pre-war charges since fuel and labour have increased in cost by three or four times since pre-war. This can only have been achieved by considerable improvements in efficiency and in economical management."

"Shareholders will have noticed the dividend has increased by 5 cents per share, and whilst this is not a very large increase we appreciate that finance is required to cope with the extensions to which the Chairman drew attention in his report. It would be difficult to approve the record of this Company for growth and I heartily approve of the realistic attitude on the part of the Directors in looking forward with optimism and laying their plans to meet further increases in load."

**RE-ELECTED**  
The Hon. T. N. Chau, CBE, JP, and Mr. E. Hanan, JP, were re-elected Directors by a resolution proposed by Mr. P. Lourie and seconded by Mr. Wong Chi-po.

On the proposition of Mr. B. W. Brabury, seconded by Mr. P. C. Wong, Messrs. Peat, Marwick, Mitchell & Co. were re-appointed auditors of the Company.

The Chairman then observed: "You will possibly have noticed from the Press that effective from February 18 the cost of our fuel oil has increased by \$8 per ton. It is fortunate that our coal contracts are such that they will enable us to set off against this increase, for a limited period possibly through autumn of this year, so that, for the time being, it is not necessary to increase the fuel surcharge. What the position will be towards the end of the year is difficult to forecast, but you may be sure that your Directors are giving the keenest consideration to the problem of fluctuating fuel costs."

**THOSE PRESENT**  
Mr. B. T. Flanagan (Chairman of Directors) presided and was supported by the Hon. Sir Shouson Chow, K.L.D., JP, the Hon. T. N. Chau, CBE, JP, the Hon. A. Stewart, JP, Mr. J. R. Hanan, JP, and Mr. R. Gordon, JP. (Directors); Mr. W. Stoker (General Manager) and Mr. P. H. Fell (Secretary); Mr. D. L. Prophet, representing Messrs. Peat, Marwick, Mitchell & Co. Auditors, was present.

## Mail Notices

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Formosa, Japan, Okinawa, U.S.A. & Canada, 6 p.m.	
India-China, 6 p.m.	
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WEDNESDAY, MARCH 9	
India-China, 6 a.m.	
Thailand, 6 a.m.	
Formosa, Okinawa, Japan, Korea, Ceylon, New Zealand, Ceylon, Mauritius, 6 a.m.	
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Switzerland, 6 a.m.	
Sweden, 6 p.m.	
Formosa, 6 p.m.	
THURSDAY, MARCH 10	
Thailand, Burma, India, Pakistan, Malaya, East Africa, Great Britain & Europe, 6 a.m.	
Japan, 11 a.m.	
USA, 9 p.m.	

## UNDERWATER CHESS

New York, Mar. 7. Two young New Yorkers equipped with underwater breathing units played chess at the bottom of a water-filled tank tonight and announced that they would try to break the "record" for staying under water.

Dick Ferguson, 21, and Mike O'Day, 18, entered a 10,000-gallon tank at 7:45 a.m. at the Sports and Vacation Show at Kingsbridge Armory. They were still under water more than 12 hours later, spending most of their time playing chess with weighted chessmen.

Officials of the Show said that the record the two men were trying to break by "at least six hours" was 24 hours 3 minutes set by Ed Fisher of Miami, Florida, last July.—United Press.

## Ambassador Passes Through

The Pakistan Ambassador to the United States, Mr. Syed Amjad Ali, arrived from Tokyo by Pan American Airlines this morning and left for Pakistan after an hour-long stopover at Kai Tak.

Mr. Ali told reporters that he was returning home to confer with his government about the variety of purchases to be made with the US\$105 million economic aid grant.

He said that among the goods to be purchased in the United States will be cotton seed oil, agricultural implements, wood, paper and textiles.

## SIDE GLANCES By Galbraith



"I don't know how you kids expect to get decent grades, doing your homework in front of the TV—I can't even concentrate on the subject!"

## Compressed Milk For Children

London, Mar. 7. British children will be given milk "sweets" instead of a free bottle of milk at some schools after April 1.

The "sweets" will be flavoured tablets of compressed dried milk, each containing the equivalent of one-third of a pint of milk.—United Press.